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## ENGLAND SNOWED UNDER

### Arctic Blizzard Still Raging After 56 Hours Tobogganning In Full Swing In London Streets

London, Feb. 21.

The arctic blizzard sweeping southern England increased in intensity today, and as reports came in of huge snow drifts piling up and obliterating many country roads, weather experts warned that "there is more to come".

## Capital Levy In Britain?

London, Feb. 21.  
With Budget Day only six weeks distant, Ministers are believed to be considering a capital levy as a further means of speeding national economic recovery. So far, however, Government quarters decline to confirm or deny this.

It can be assumed that the proposal, much canvassed recently, has not been fully debated by the Cabinet. Some Ministers are known to be against the idea.

Stimulated by Labour's success in the Paisley by-election, some Government supporters now talk hopefully of the possibility of unseating the Conservatives from North Croydon, which the Opposition held with a majority of only about 600 votes at the general election.

Although with one exception—Cambridge, Glasgow—Labour has successfully defended its by-election seats, the Party won't at the general election, the Government has not since 1945 captured any seat from the Conservatives.

The most difficult task ahead of the Government is getting the 200 great trade unions involved to accept the Trade Union Congress guidance on the stabilisation of wages. There may have to be some policy compromise to allow consideration of wage claims.

## Italian Border Affray

Trieste, Feb. 21.  
Heavy exchange of fire between Italian and Yugoslav frontier guards occurred near Gorizia yesterday afternoon when a Yugoslav party entered Italian territory to remove posts marking the provisional frontier. According to Italian reports the Yugoslavs were challenged by an Italian patrol and asked to desist in removing the posts. When they refused the Italians opened fire.

The Yugoslavs withdrew to their own territory and returned fire. A detachment of Italian carabinieri later joined in the shooting.

There were no reports of any casualties.

Italian General Gloria arrived shortly after the firing began and after discussion with Yugoslav officers the dispute was settled and the frontier posts moved to their original positions.—United Press.

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Snow is piling up on roads, the surfaces of which were already covered by sheet ice, but snow ploughs have been successful so far in keeping open railway communications.

Kent, Surrey and Sussex are the hardest hit and snow is 12 inches deep in some areas.

In Kent, where the blizzard is particularly strong, Cliffe Marshland, a village between the Thames and Medway, is cut off and at Eastchurch, efforts are being made to deliver mail by sleigh from a mail van trapped since dawn in a deep drift.

Fifty London University students, half of them girls, were "paid union rate for the job" when they helped to clear the London streets.

Tobogganning was in full swing on Parliament Hill. About 50 ships inward and outward bound are storm-bound around the Nore lighthouse in the Thames estuary.

Traffic, already slowed to a crawl, came to an abrupt halt as snow piled up around vehicles. Gangs of railwaymen struggled to keep the tracks free and at several points electric trains were brought to a standstill by short circuits between current pick-up "shoes" and conductor rails. Trains running up to half an hour later arrive in London piled high with frozen snow.

**56 Hours Non Stop**  
The snow, which has been falling almost continuously for

## Russia Offers To "Mediate"

Shanghai, Feb. 22.  
Russia has indirectly, but in channels which she knew would certainly reach official Nanking quarters, submitted a proposal which Moscow would consider as a basis for assuming the role of mediator in the Chinese civil war. It was most reliably learned today.

The proposal consists of three main points:—1. The Chinese Communists would control the government; 2. The Kuomintang would not be banned but would be allowed a minority role in the government; 3. The reorganization of China would be completely in the charge of the Chinese Reds.

A high Chinese official source said that the Central Government will not officially recognize the receipt of the proposal in any manner and probably will deny that a "proposal" as such, has ever been submitted.

The source added that the terms are such that even if the proposal is formally offered through full diplomatic channels it would be immediately rejected.

The source (in an interview with the United Press) said the proposal was channelled to Nanking.

### Conference Held

A conference between a Soviet official and a Chinese representative was held recently in a provincial capital "somewhere in China" outside the immediate war zone, and Nanking was immediately advised of the terms.

It was learned that the Soviet official further suggested that a conference could be called at Moscow at which the Central Government as well as the Chinese Reds would be invited to sit down to discuss the possibility of arriving at an agreement along the lines of the Russian plan.

The Soviet official reportedly said, however, that unless and until any suggestions are made openly in high level diplomatic channels, the Central Government is "not likely to take sides in civil war".

The source added, however, that inasmuch as this is the

## Gloomy View Of Future

Birmingham, Feb. 21.

Major Woodrow Wyatt, Labour M. P. for the Aston division of Birmingham, speaking to trade unionists in his constituency today, said that, compared with the present economic crisis, last year was a pleasant holiday.

He declared that Britain was fast nearing the brink of starvation, unemployment and total bankruptcy, and added: "If we plunge over the brink, England will be a desolate land, peopled only by a few peasants scratching a living from the soil and underfed guides showing American tourists round a rained-on-Avon and the ruins of the once great and prosperous Birmingham."

Major Wyatt said that Marshall aid would only be a stop-gap. He appealed to workers to stop asking for higher wages and to business men to cut prices.—Reuter.

### Economic Crisis

Nairobi, Feb. 21.  
Sir Earle Page, former Australian representative in London, said here today that he favoured an early imperial conference on Britain's economic crisis as she could not avert it alone.

Sir Earle, who is here to discuss the correlation of African and Australian development interests, particularly in providing food for Britain, said that the battle was being fought on too narrow a front—the Empire should be in the fight.

Sir Earle has already toured South Africa, Rhodesia, Uganda and Kenya. He stresses the similarity between large areas of Africa and Australia and will recommend that the Australian authorities initiate closer relations, particularly in the exchange of technical personnel.—Reuter.

## Plane Wreck Found

Le Havre, Feb. 22.  
The wreckage of a big six-engine French airplane, late-coming 631, missing since Saturday with nine persons aboard, was found today, on the Normandy invasion coast about 18 miles east of Cherbourg.

The French Press Agency which said "several prominent Parisians were among those on plane," quoted "civil aviation sources in Paris" as authority for the report that the wreckage had been found.

The plane took off yesterday from Le Havre and was last seen, later in the day, in a snowstorm over Cherbourg. The craft was bound for its base at Biscarosse, southeast of Bordeaux. Those aboard included the manager and some engineers of the Nord Aircraft Construction Company.—Reuter.

## POSSIBILITY OF PEACE DISCOUNTED

Nanking, Feb. 22.  
Official quarters here today ignored Russia's reported offer of mediation in China's civil war and said emphatically that China would never consider accepting such a proposal if made.

They also discounted the possibility of a resumption of the negotiations between the Government and the Communists as reported to have been suggested yesterday by the American Ambassador, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart.

"With the Reds now outlawed as rebels," one Kuomintang official said, "the stage is now long past for a peaceful settlement of the Communist problem in China."

These quarters felt that the Government is not inclined to come to terms with the Reds now that United States aid is forthcoming, together with even military assistance which Nanking thinks has a good chance of being put through the United States Congress.

It was pointed out that China

## The New Look?



Pedestrians in Oxford Street who woke up on February 9 to find this nude statue on the pavement had a double shock when they took a second glance. It was designed to attract attention to the first exhibition of the Institute of Contemporary Art.

## Another Hint Of Peace Bid

Nanking, Feb. 22.  
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has given his consent to a high Chinese official to attempt to reopen negotiations with the Communists, an authoritative Chinese source told United Press today.

The source stressed that the Generalissimo did not initiate the idea but merely "gave his consent" to a highly placed member of his government who asked for permission to try to negotiate a settlement of the civil war with the Communists.

The source said the official is now in "indirect contact" with the Communists through personal intermediaries. He said that there have been no concrete results nor a definite expression of opinion from the Communists regarding the possibility of reopening negotiations.

He said he personally did not know whether the high official is approaching the Communists with concrete detailed proposals for settlement of the civil war or merely sounding them out on a possible basis for renewed talks. He said: "In the event that concrete proposals are being presented to the Communists it can be assumed of course that the specific terms have been approved by the Generalissimo."—United Press.

## Argentine And Chile

Buenos Aires, Feb. 21.  
The Argentine naval squadron on maneuvers in the Antarctic has met the Chilean transport President Pinto on board of which President Gonzalez Videla of Chile is returning to Valparaiso after spending a week in the Antarctic.

According to reports from correspondents on board the Argentine ship, the Chilean

## FOUR HUNDRED KILLED AND INJURED IN JERUSALEM EXPLOSION

Jerusalem, Feb. 22.

The centre of the Jewish business district of Jerusalem was blown up by uniformed men at dawn today.

A leader of rescue workers estimated 40 to 50 persons were killed and 300 wounded. He was a member of the Haganah, Jewish militia.

A later check-up indicated a probable death-roll of over a hundred. Forty bodies have been recovered.

One Jewish source said that property damage was in the region of millions of pounds sterling.

British police blamed Arabs for the tremendous blast, Jewish eye-witnesses blamed the British. Anti-British feeling ran high among the Jews.

The explosion was the worst since nearly 100 persons were killed when the Jews blew the King David Hotel up in July, 1946.

The commander of one group of Arab fighters in Jerusalem said: "The bomb was placed by Arabs but we cannot yet give you the details."

The blast was levelled at two small hotels, three apartment buildings and at least a dozen stores. Windows were shattered for a half mile. Jerusalem's streets were strewn glass.

This story of what happened has been pieced together from eye-witnesses, some hysterical.

### Three Trucks

Three trucks, two of them of the Dodge type, drove into Ben Yehuda Street and parked. Three occupants in the uniform of British police leaped out of two of the trucks and entered the third and drove off. There were shots. Some said the bullets were fired into the two remaining trucks to set off the bombs. Three minutes later both trucks exploded.

British police said the attack was "obviously engineered by Arabs just like the 'Palestine Post' affair of a month ago."

They recalled that the Arabs admitted the bombing of the "Post" building with a truckload of explosives driven by Arabs in stolen uniforms.

Almost to a man, however, Jewish witnesses blamed the British and refused to believe the Arabs had perpetrated today's attack.

### Refugee Jews

The two hotels blown up were the Ambury and the Atlantic. They were jammed with Jews who had moved in from mixed quarters since the UNO partition vote, in fear of violence.

The Arabs put armed men at the junctions between Jewish and Arab quarters and checked all identities on guard against possible reprisal attacks.

The British forces redoubled guards on all public buildings. Anti-British feeling among the Jews rose to high level. Some British newsmen at the scene of the bombing were threatened.

Jewish and British Army fire brigades hurried to fight the fires resulting from the explosions.

An emergency call for blood donors was made in the streets of Zion Square. All doctors were called from their homes. Volunteers served as nurses' assistants.

**Vast Damage**  
Windows of the United States Consulate, half a mile away, were shattered by the blast.

Other windows were broken at the Jewish Agency, the office of the French News Agency and hundreds of other buildings, some three-quarters of a mile off.

A commercial printing plant was destroyed. The firm had been printing the "Palestine Post" since the newspaper's office was bombed. A movie theatre, a block from the centre of the explosion, was damaged by the impact and by fire.

Rescuers found a British flag which had been hanging on the wall of the Ambury Hotel, blown

### Beersheba Ambush

Jerusalem, Feb. 21.  
A force of Arabs made a two-hour attack today on a Jewish colony north-east of Tel-Aviv and at dusk renewed attacks with machine-gun fire.

Earlier, in the Beersheba area of southern Palestine, Arabs ambushed a Jewish armoured bus near which a road mine exploded. The passengers in the bus returned the Arab fire.

No casualties were reported on either of these incidents.

A Jerusalem Military Court today sentenced Henry Martin Dickson, a 31-year-old Scotsman, to five years' imprisonment for soliciting two British soldiers to dispose of their arms to Arabs.

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## Constable Tackles Gunman

A defective hammer in the Japanese-made revolver held by Cheung Fat (22) saved the life of Police Constable 1883 and resulted in Cheung being admitted to the Kowloon Hospital at about 12.30 p.m. yesterday, suffering from a gunshot wound.

PCC 1883, on patrol duty shortly before noon, had his attention attracted by a Chinese in Sherry Lane, near Cumberland Road. Approaching, the constable asked the man to open up a package he was carrying under his arms.

The man unwrapped the parcel and the constable found himself looking down the barrel of a revolver. Undaunted, PC 1883 sprang at his man and succeeded in obtaining a hold on both wrists.

Cheung, it is alleged, pressed the trigger twice, without result. PC 1883 then drew his own weapon and fired, hitting his assailant in the abdomen.

The wounded man was taken to Kowloon City Police Station and, later, to hospital. His condition is described as fair.

In a subsequent raid on a house in Yu Chau Street, Detective Inspector C. Y. Siu arrested three men and seized about 40 rounds of ammunition and a dagger.

## Agitators Busy In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 21.  
Shanghai Garrison authorities are taking precautions to guard against agitators, who are allegedly attempting to stir up fresh trouble at the Sanghai Cotton Mill, where three workers were killed in a pitched battle against the police some weeks ago.

Pamphlets were discovered yesterday, which said that members of the Peace Preservation Police Corps were fully sympathetic towards the workers, but that they were forced by their officers to the riot last month.

The pamphlets were issued in the name of the alleged "Peace Preservation Police Corps Society".

The authorities believe that these pamphlets were printed and distributed by agitators to stir up unrest among policemen and workers.

## "Beggars" Get Annoyed

Tsingtao, Feb. 22.  
Nationalist soldiers wrecked the "North China News" newspaper plant here after the paper said that they "looked like beggars."

The soldiers who had been wounded in the fighting against the Communists and called "honoured soldiers" beat up the manager and his staff. Ten of the staff were sent to hospital.—Associated Press.

## Bank Raid Frustrated In Tel-Aviv

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 22.

The Hagana today fired on two military trucks which tried to crash through the "unauthorised" road block near Rishon Lezion, 15 kilometres south-east of Tel-Aviv. There were no casualties.

In Tel-Aviv, the Irgun Zvai Leumi failed in a bid to hijack Barclay's Bank on Allenby Road, the all-Jewish city's busiest street. The Hagana beat off the raiders after a 10-minute gun duel. One Hagana man and one bystander were wounded.

The raiders were disguised as British soldiers. They spoke fluent English. They arrived in a convoy of military trucks headed by a green jeep. The trucks, loaded with the robbers, approached the bank, while the robbers erected barbed wire barricades to keep pedestrians away. The action had the appearance of a British army operation.

The raiders entered the bank and fired men and women they found inside against the wall. All the men were searched for keys. The official with the key which opened the vault was late for work and the robbery failed.

At a bugle call, the robbers returned to their trucks and the convoy drove away. At that point a truckload of Hagana fighters clad in British battle dress, arrived. They fired after the retreating raiders. The last truck halted and its occupants got out and took up positions behind walls. They exchanged fire with the Hagana men for 10 minutes and then joined the remainder of the convoy in its retreat.—United Press.

## Miss Russell Campaigns

Washington, Feb. 22.  
Miss Maud Russell, Executive Director of the Committee for Democratic Policy in China, urged today the defeat of the \$370,000,000 Chinese aid bill now before Congress.

Miss Russell, who was formerly a social agency worker, in China, accused the Administration of "deliberately misleading" the United States people about facts of the China situation. She said the aid programme was backed by Wall Street financiers whose orders were being obeyed both by President Truman and Secretary of State George C. Marshall.—United Press.

## The Weather

Forecast: A moderate anti-cyclone over northern China and extending southwards. Pressure is relatively low over the sea of Japan and over Japan and a depression is moving eastward into the Pacific to the east of Tokyo.

Forecast: Moderate east and north-east winds, freshening. Mildly cloudy.

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Minimum: 61.3 deg. F.  
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## Readers' Letters

### Conflict

Sir.—In your leading article, entitled "Doctors' Plebiscite," published in your issue of February 20th, you say, of the British National Health Service Act, "A similar system has long been operating in New Zealand, and has been tremendously popular and successful. There is no reason why... equal success should not attend its (the British scheme's) introduction in Britain."

You will not deny your readers, the pleasure of saying to themselves, "Audi videmus alteram partem." Let them, then, read this account which was recently published in one of the world's leading medical journals, by Sir Ernest Graham-Little, dermatologist, member of Parliament, and well known... as a writer on medical politics.

"This system, was in New Zealand... instituted by the Labour Government and has been in operation for ten years. Since the war the system has been fully reviewed in the House of Representatives, and almost universal dissatisfaction with it has been expressed. The complaint was made that it is common practice for physicians operating the health services to undertake treatment of an impossible number of patients and to push them through at the rate of 1 every five minutes. If the diagnosis is not conclusive the patients are sent to the public hospitals, which are consequently filled with trivial cases, crowding out serious cases. The prime minister, who had a large part in founding the scheme, was so shaken by the evidence that he said: 'If patients are being treated like sheep passing through a dip, without proper overhead, the matter should be investigated.' In a subsequent debate the minister of health admitted that the abuses of the system were such that the Government must seriously consider altering it."

"Other criticisms have been made. For instance it is contended that while state doctors draw extravagant incomes from the social security fund, it is extremely difficult to secure any medical attention outside business hours or during the week end. There is said to be a definite falling off in the standard of medical practice, from both the ethical and the clinical points of view. The absence of incentive to undertake the prolonged training to qualify for the status of specialist has resulted in a serious dearth of skilled physicians and surgeons and consequent discouragement of both medical research and postgraduate study."

"The New Zealand Prime Minister admits that this scheme may have caused patients to be treated like sheep being passed through a sheep dip, and the New Zealand Minister of Health

admits that the abuses of the system are such that the Government must seriously consider altering it. But you, without giving any supporting evidence, state, dogmatically, that the New Zealand scheme has been 'tremendously popular and successful.'"

I suggest that your readers be now allowed to draw their own conclusions.

J. MASSON-FORESTIER

### Criminal Libel

Sir.—The maliciously anti-British attitude of a section of the Chinese Press in Hong Kong was undoubtedly largely responsible for the mob outrage at Shamone, when British official and commercial properties were looted and burnt. It was commented on in the case of the "National Times" (which it is understood receives a subsidy from the Kuomintang, the predominant Party in the Chinese Government) (and whose publisher is stated to be a member of the Central Executive Committee of that Party), in the British Government's Note to Nanking. But no steps have been taken to cope with the malicious defamation of the Hong Kong Government by local Chinese journals.

A case in point is the "Sing Tao Wan Pao" (which I understand belongs to Mr. Au Boon-haw) which on Feb. 14 asserted that:

"When representatives of the Walled City of Kowloon together with the family of Chu Pui-tong, visited Chu Pui-tong and Lau Ngai-fu in Stanley Prison yesterday morning, they noted that Lau had been beaten up, causing a swollen face, and that Chu has on several occasions vomited blood."

An official denial that either prisoner had been beaten up or was vomiting blood, was published a few days later, with the result that another journal, the "Wah Shing Pao" on the 20th instant, headed this denial "Got Fat or Got Swollen?" and complained that "their original body weights had not been mentioned."

Not both these statements are serious libels on the local authorities, and I suggest, the matter ought not to be allowed to rest with a formal denial, which is scoffed at by at least one of the Chinese journals. Why does not the Attorney General indict the editors of these papers for Criminal Libel, and thus put to rest the right of the local Chinese Press to malign and defame the British authorities? It has been held that an indictment for Criminal Libel can lie where a class (not indefinite) such as "the clergy of the Diocese of Durham" or "the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex" can be defamed. In this case it can hardly be denied that the Commissioner and staff of Stanley Prison have been seriously libelled, and a would-be salutary lesson to the local Chinese Press if appropriate action were taken.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

### ROBBED OF RIFLES

Two village guards on duty in the Ta Ku-ling district near the border had their rifles forcibly taken by a gang of armed men on Saturday night.

The gang numbering about 20 was seen approaching the post. In reply to a challenge by the guards to stop, some of the men produced revolvers and forced the guards to give up their rifles.

## "Puss In Boots" Discharged

Ensign Kyukichi Suzuki, known to POWs on Mal-man Island as "Puss in Boots," was discharged by No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, which held that he had no case to answer.

The remaining 15 alleged Japanese war criminals, who are charged with war crimes committed on Hainan Island between Nov. 1942 and Aug. 1945, were found to have a case to answer and will give evidence, on oath, in their own defence.

No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, before which the trial is taking place, comprises Lieut. Col. H. G. Guinn, DSO, E.D. (President), Lieut. Col. J. I. Brock (Judge Advocate), with Major N. McLeod and Lieut. R. Carter sitting as Members.

Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Division, SCAP (GHQ), Tokyo, is conducting the prosecution.

Isao Itose, with Major J. Sosate, Advisory Officer, is appearing for the defence. In his opening address for the defence, Isao Itose said that at the end of 1944, all shipping from Japan had been sunk and owing to hunger, all members of the Japanese unit

became so weak that they could no longer work. When the war ended in Aug. 1945, it was like lightning from a clear sky, not only to the POWs, but to the Japanese. The end of the war meant escape from death. The whole Island was at that time on starvation rations.

The first accused to enter the witnesses box was Vice Admiral Tahara Suzuki, who said that in 1944, British and American submarines became so active that all Japanese shipping in the Hainan area had been sunk.

Hearing will be resumed at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow.

## Iron Ore From Hainan

Shanghai, Feb. 22. Two hundred and fifty thousand tons of iron ore will be shipped from Xueing Harbour, Hainan Island, during the next six months. Four large Chinese shipping firms have contracted to haul the vital ore to Japanese ports. — Associated Press.

## Personalia

Passengers who departed from Hongkong yesterday for Bangkok by Pan American Clipper were Mr. William H. Claassen and Mr. Campbell Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cash are sailing on furlough in the s.s. Canton this afternoon.

## Colony Responds To Warm Weather

For the last two weeks the weather has betrayed symptoms, somewhat heralding the approach of Spring.

The mercury has been rising in the scale, reaching peak temperature yesterday at 71.8 degrees (Saturday 78.3). This has come shortly after a cold spell, the coldest of the winter, when 33.8, the lowest temperature for January since 1917 was registered.

## Sky Merchant Arriving

The Atlas Sky Merchant, carrying ten American businessmen on a world marketing survey, is scheduled to land at Kai Tak on Wednesday.

Meeting the four-engine DC-4 when it lands at approximately two o'clock, will be local executives of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., associate of the firm sponsoring the history-making flight.

Carrying the latest up-to-the-minute aviation devices, the Atlas Sky Merchant has on board a complete display of Atlas automotive and aviation products. Mr. F. H. Bedford, Jr., President of the Atlas Supply Co., chose this novel way of introducing his Company's products to the world, as well as becoming acquainted with businessmen in Hong Kong.

During the Atlas Sky Merchant's stay in Hong Kong, Mr. Bedford and the other American business representatives will meet Hong Kong business leaders.

The plane leaves for Shanghai on Friday, and will also visit Nanking and Peking before proceeding to Tokyo on March 4.

American business representatives arriving on the plane, in addition to Mr. Bedford, include: J. E. Perlehelmer, Vice-President and General Manager; R. B. Holgate, Export Manager; and J. J. Hall, Director of Public Relations, Atlas Supply Co.

E. E. Aldrin, Aviation Technical Manager of Atlas; D. C. James of Stencel, Inc., British affiliate of Stencel, Inc., and Stanley Kammerick, Atlas Representative in the Far East. D. F. Davis, Public Relations; E. C. Heberlein, Process Products, Specialties and Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. L. E. Brown, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

## RITA HAYWORTH OFFENDS

Madrid, Feb. 22. Two Capuchin priests resigned today as the Church representatives on the Motion Picture Board after a Catholic Youth Organisation had raided movie houses, throwing a Rita Hayworth picture out of the windows.

The picture was one of the greatest box office successes here in many years but was objected to by Catholics because of Miss Hayworth's dances. United Press.

## THE WHISKERS CLUB



At the Whiskers Club, the cat's face is the main attraction. The club is open to all cat lovers and is a place where they can meet and talk about their cats. The club is located at 123 Main Street, and is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

## TRADE ARBITRATION New Body Set Up In Shanghai Americans Taking Keen Interest

Shanghai, Feb. 22. In addition to settling amicably trade disputes among Chinese merchants, the China National Trade Arbitration Association, which was inaugurated here yesterday afternoon at a meeting attended by 60 leading personalities here (including representatives of the American Consulate General and Chamber of Commerce) will also attempt to iron out differences between Chinese and American businessmen, it was learned today.

In a brief speech explaining the purpose of the body, Dr. Kin Wei-sha, Secretary of the Association, said that as early as October, 1946, the United States Government had suggested that a Sino-American trade arbitration committee be established to settle trade disputes.

Dr. Kin declared "the significance of this Association is not only national but also international," as it, together with American arbitration organizations, will set up a joint association for the peaceful settlement of differences among the businessmen of the two nations.

### U.S. Representatives

Practically all classes of local trade and industrial circles were represented at the convention yesterday while official guests included Mr. Bland Calder, American Commercial Attaché, and Mr. Robert Bryan, representative of the local American Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Calder praised the formation of the new organization which, he said, would go a long way towards the promotion of international business and goodwill. He pledged the wholehearted support of the United States authorities for the Association.—Reuter.

## Orphans Homes In China

Shanghai, Feb. 22. President Chiang Kai-shek's residence and military headquarters in Chungking will be one of four model children's centres for Chinese orphans, according to Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Saunders, of the American Orient Friendship, who arrived in Shanghai from the United States on the way to Chungking. Four centres situated in North Kwangtung, Canton, Shanghai and Chungking will be developed simultaneously at a total cost of US\$2,000,000 which is the goal of the current financial drive in America and China.—Reuter.

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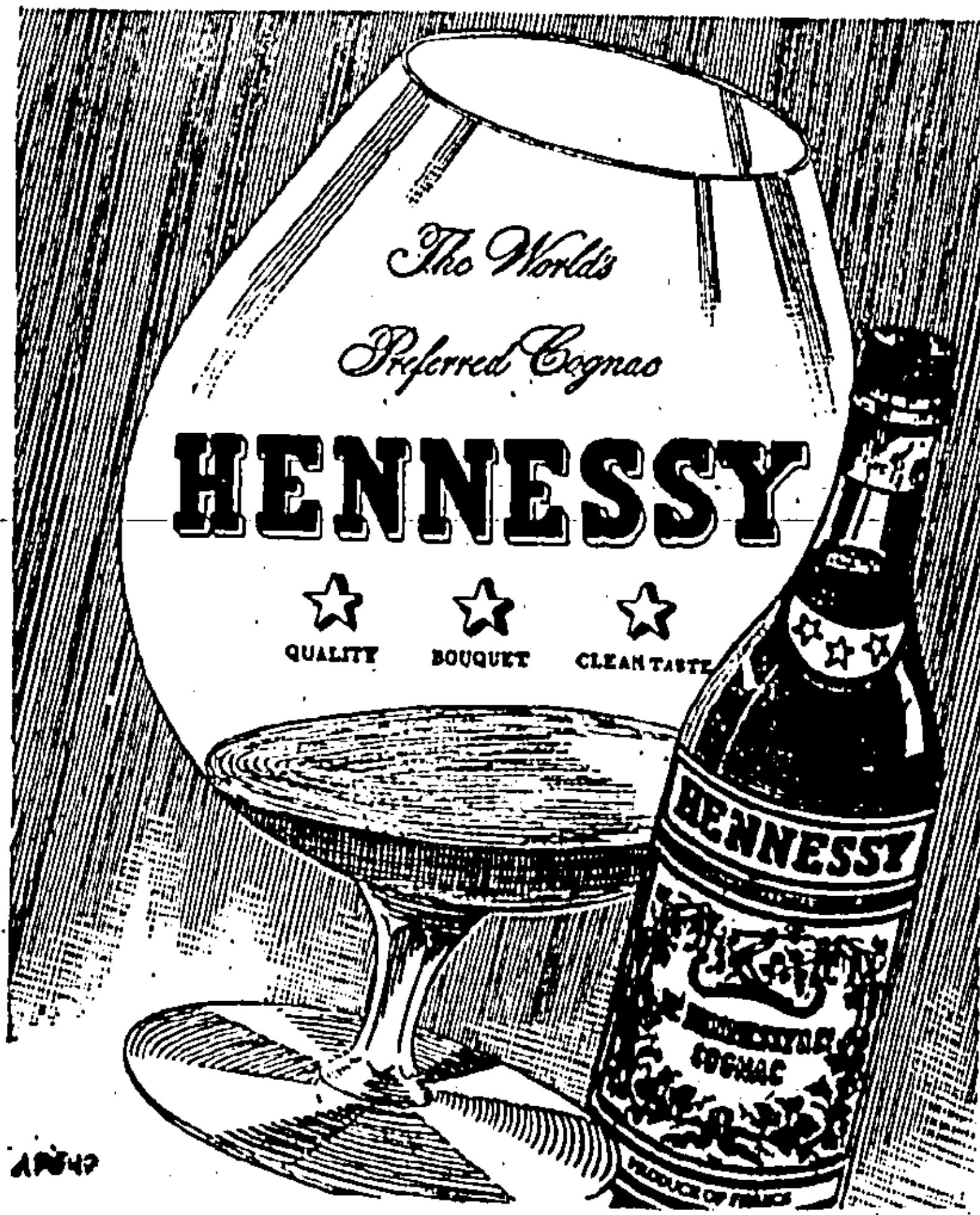
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## WHERE ARE HALF A BILLION DOLLARS?

Washington, Feb. 21.

A Chinese puzzle has both the United States and Chinese Governments worried: Where is the hiding place of a half a billion dollars or more which individual Chinese are believed to have laid away in the United States?

If the money could be located, it might lighten the prospective Chinese relief load which the United States has been asked to shoulder. President Truman has asked Congress for US\$570,000,000 in economic assistance for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Government. But proposals to locate the funds and hand over control of them to Chiang's Government have run into such complications that the administration has decided the prospect is hopeless for the present.

Government financial officials said the chance of getting the individual hoards appears even dimmer than the outlook for cashing in private assets of the 16 Western European countries figuring in the Marshall Plan.

### Bank Deposits

The State Department told Congress yesterday that private Chinese holdings here amount to US\$500,000,000 or more. Some US\$30,000,000 is in American bank deposits, listed in the names of persons living in China, the Treasury estimates. The figures are confidential but are reported to include some highly placed Chinese politicians.

Larger sums are believed by Treasury and State Department officials to be in "cloak" accounts whose real owners are hidden. There also is currency, gold and securities.

The flight of capital from China has increased to jet-plane speed as inflation gains momentum. A State Department report said that private holdings have mounted steadily since 1945, even while the Government's gold and silver reserves dwindled by US\$600,000,000.—Associated Press.

## China Internees' Grievance

Tientsin, Feb. 22.

The American Chamber of Commerce here said today that it intends asking Congress to amend or amplify the former Internees' Compensation Bill, which excludes Americans interned by the Japanese in China during the war.

The Chamber and representatives of former internees cabled the United States Ambassador, Dr. Leighton Stuart, at Nanking that the bill "discriminates against them unjustly in favour of internees in American-owned territory."

Asked if the State Department intends to sponsor a bill covering personal claims against Japan, they pointed out that prior to Pearl Harbor many Americans in China could not leave without a total loss of business interests.—United Press.

## Abhaiwong Still Prime Minister

Bangkok, Feb. 21.

The Siamese Regency Council today nominated Khuang Abhaiwong as Premier—for the fourth time in his career. The formal announcement is expected later today.

The new premier will call a session of both Houses of Parliament for Thursday. Huang first became Premier in July, 1944 but resigned after a year. His second premiership was in 1946 and lasted only 41 days.

In 1947 he was again appointed premier after Marshal Pibul Songkram's November coup d'etat.

The new Cabinet is expected to be mainly unchanged, though Khuang declared this week that his selection would not be limited to members of his party or parliament; it would include anyone he thought capable and necessary in the country's present situation.—Reuter.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 21. Major General Patrick J. Hurley, former U.S. Secretary of War and Ambassador to China, announced he will seek the Republican nomination for US Senator in New Mexico's June primaries.—Associated Press.

## RAF "Polar Flight"

Kinross, Feb. 21.

Six aircraft of the RAF Polar flight, which took off from Iceland early today to fly within the Arctic circle on a special navigation course, landed at Kinross airfield tonight after an 11-hour battle with heavy winds and bad weather.

Some of them had been prevented from reaching the northernmost point intended, bleak little Bear Island, just south of Spitzbergen.

High winds and bad weather for the last 500 miles of the trip, with severe icing and bad radio conditions, made the approach in darkness to this Scottish airfield hazardous.

The arduous conditions of the flight, which the "Lancasters" have made in five days, took heavy toll of their navigational equipment in the machines. Consequently, several aircraft

were without these vital aids during the difficult last hours of the flight.

### One In Trouble

One machine had to remain behind in Iceland this morning owing to electrical trouble. It is expected to fly back to England tomorrow.

Seven "Lancasters" left Iceland at midnight last Monday for a circular tour of the Atlantic from Gibraltar to Benin Island to study new methods of navigation as applied to mass flight.—Reuter.

## Political Expediency

San Francisco, Feb. 21. The "San Francisco Chronicle" in an editorial headed "China and the 48 Campaign"—for President—said today:—

"We have the unhappy picture of Republicans exploiting China as a logical vulnerable point in Administration foreign policy, and a President bowing to political expediency by doing something about China, and neither side as yet giving any evidence of thinking the China problem through."

"The American people, who are infinitely more concerned with the preservation of world peace than with the identity of the White House occupant for the next four years, should demand something better from the responsible heads of both parties."—United Press.

## Political Initiative Passes To Right

Frankfurt, Feb. 21.

The initiative in politics in the Anglo-American zones of Germany appears to have passed to the extreme Right-wing for the first time since the collapse of Hitler's Third Reich, (writes Robert Lloyd, Reuter's correspondent).

On the eve of the first plenary session of the enlarged Economic Council for the joint zones, challenging anti-Allied speeches by Pastor Niemöller and Dr. Johannes Semmler, ex-Director of the Bizonal Economic Department, and Herr Fritz Schaeffer, ex-Premier of Bavaria, have caught the interest of the German man-in-the-street.

The moderates of the official Christian Democratic leadership are almost unknown to a wider public; the Social Democrats have lost their drive, and even the meetings of Dr. Kurt Schumacher, Social Democratic leader, now attract chiefly the faithful.

Communist propaganda for a People's Congress for a united Germany arouses hardly a flicker of interest here.

### Loss Of Respect

The loss of respect for the Allied authority is largely due to the development of inter-Allied conflicts and the charges and counter-charges made in the course of it.

The recent American and Russian publications about prewar negotiations with Hitler have been eagerly lapped up by German nationalists as proof that everybody shared Hitler's guilt and there is no moral difference between the Powers.

## Fall Of Anshan Admitted

Shanghai, Feb. 22.

With the steel city of Anshan, whose fall the Government confirmed tonight, firmly in his hands, General Lin Piao, the Communist Commander-in-Chief in Manchuria is, rushing preparations for an early all-out bid to capture Chinchow, key city in the southwestern Manchurian corridor 130 miles southwest of Mukden, according to independent reports reaching here today.

General Lin Piao is said to have already massed a large force near Kowpangtse, a railway town only 30 miles northeast of Chinchow, with the apparent aim of forcing a crossing of the Talinno River—the natural defence barrier guarding the approaches to the strategic city.

Meanwhile, he has already ordered the Communist forces under General Li Yung-chang, operating along the Peking-Mukden railway between the Great Wall city of Shanhai-kwan and Chinchow, to begin moving against the rear of the Nationalists.

The battle for Chinchow is expected to produce the bloodiest fighting hitherto of the civil war as the Nationalists, on their side, have concentrated the majority of their crack troops for the struggle.

These include mechanized units of General Fan Han-chieh, the newly-appointed Governor of Chahar Province, whose mandate includes the reopening of communications between Mukden and Peking at whatever cost and who will therefore personally direct the defence of Chinchow.

As a diversionary operation General Lin Piao is expected to launch simultaneous operations in various parts of South Manchuria, where he is credited with having concentrated five divisions, or about 150,000 men.

**Yingkow Reopened**  
At present, Government units are engaged in mopping-up operations in the environs of the seaport of Yingkow, where several Nationalist naval units are said to have arrived with welcome supplies in the wake of ice-breakers.

Pro-Government despatches report considerable excitement and jubilation over the news of the reopening of Yingkow Harbour in Mukden, where there is already talk of a large-scale landing of reinforcements for a major counter-offensive northward.

The Manchurian problem is expected to provide top-ranking Government military leaders in Nanking with a busy week as a score of older statesmen and veteran generals of the North East are scheduled to arrive in the capital today and tomorrow for conferences.

**Veterans Called In**  
These include General Ma Chan-shan, who fought the Japanese to a standstill shortly after the "Mukden Incident" in 1932. General Wan Fu-lin and General Chang Tso-hsiang who have been living in retirement in Peking for the past few years.

The Government invitation to these veteran Manchurian leaders for a discussion of the critical North-East situation followed a recommendation from Mr. Mo Teh-hui, a State Councillor who is also a Manchurian, who emphasized the relationship of the North-East to the peace of the world as a whole. Fierce fighting was today reported to be raging, both at Fushun and Penki, respectively 30 miles northeast and 30 miles southeast of Mukden.—Reuter.

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1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—Hand of His Majesty's Grenadier Guards and Peter Dawson (Vocal).  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio: Hospital Request Hour presented by Ethel Holmes Brown.  
6.30 p.m.—Helen Hupperts and His Orchestra.  
6.45 p.m.—Studio: Jill Lapper Talks on Film.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.  
7.15 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like" presented by Jill Gowland.  
7.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Old Order Changes" "The Family Album".

8.30 p.m.—Hand of The "Faithful Shepherdess" Suite... London Philharmonic Orchestra (First performance over ZBW).  
8.55 p.m.—Interlude.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.  
9.15 p.m.—Studio: "You and Your Camera" by K. A. Wadman.  
9.30 p.m.—Studio: Piano Recital by Clara Biehnfeldt.  
9.45 p.m.—London Relay: "What is Art For"—For Beauty—A discussion between Eric Newton and James Stevens.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.  
10.15 p.m.—"Something for Everybody".  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Washington, Feb. 22.

Senator Glen H. Taylor, Democrat of Idaho, is expected to announce tomorrow that he is willing to run for Vice President on Henry A. Wallace's Third Party ticket.

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1. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29th at 11 a.m.  
Special Welsh service at the Methodist Church  
(corner of Kennedy Road opposite old Naval Hos-  
pital).

2. MONDAY, MARCH 1st.  
at 8.30 a.m. Laying of wreath at the Cenotaph.  
6.30 p.m. Broadcast of a Welsh half-hour  
from B.Z.W.

7.45 p.m. Dinner and a Nodion Lawen at the  
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Names of those intending to attend the dinner should be  
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A meeting of members will be

held at the office, 3rd floor, Union

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GEO. T. LLOYD,

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Hong Kong, Feb. 21st, 1948.

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ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Ordinary Yearly

General Meeting of the Share-

holders of the Corporation will

be held at the Head Office of

the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road

Central, Hongkong, on Friday

the 5th day of March, 1948, at

11.30 a.m. for the purpose of

receiving and considering the

reports of the Directors and of

the Auditors and the Profit and

Loss Account and Balance

Sheet for the year ended 31st

December, 1947, and for the

election of Directors and the

appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of

the Corporation will be closed

from Friday, the 20th February

to Friday the 5th March, 1948

(both days inclusive) during

which period no transfer of

shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

A. MORSE,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1948.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS hereby given that

the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Yearly

Meeting of Shareholders will

be held at the Company's Office,

4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on

Thursday, the 18th day of

March, 1948 at 11 a.m. for the

purpose of receiving the Report

of the Board of Directors to-  
gether with the Statement of  
Accounts for the year ended

31st December, 1947, and to

elect Directors and appoint Au-  
ditors.

The Transfer Books of the

Company will be closed from

6th March to the 18th March,

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P.M. from 23rd to 25th Febru-  
ary, 1948. The Scrap can be

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office of the Inspector of Stores

1 (Mr. E. Jones), H.M. Dock-  
yard, Hong Kong, on the days

specified on production of the

Tender Form.

Completed Tender Forms

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a sealed cover addressed to the

Suptdg. Naval Store Officer,

H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, on

or before noon on Thursday,

26th February, 1948.

E. F. S. FISHER,

Suptdg. Naval Store Officer.

## Recreio Beat R.A.F. At Hockey

In a friendly hockey game at Kai Tak Saturday  
Recreio beat Royal Air Force by two goals to one.

Play on the whole was scrappy  
and never reached the high  
standard seen in former games.  
From the start, Recreio pressed  
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and Swan stopped the lively  
Recreio forwards time and  
again.

Recreio came near scoring  
when, with Priestly out of goal,  
Gay saved on the line and cleared  
well to send the Air Force on  
the attack.

Connolly tried hard to get the  
R.A.F. forwards moving but  
they were too prone to bunch  
together in the middle.

Recreio backs played well  
and finally relieved the pressure  
and play was quickly swept to  
the R.A.F. goal mouth where  
Priestly did well to save from a  
flick by C. Gutierrez which  
was going just under the bar.

Azara, receiving a pass on the  
Recreio 25, went through and  
shot but the shot was deflected  
by J. Consoles and Connolly,  
gathering the ball from close,  
in, made no mistake to put the  
Air Force ahead.

Three minutes later Recreio  
were on level terms when C.  
Gutierrez flicked past Priestley.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Fifty-fifth Ordinary  
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders  
will be held at the Office of the  
Company, Exchange Building,  
Des Voeux Road Central, Victo-  
ria, Hong Kong, on Wednes-  
day, 24th March, 1948, at  
NOON for the purpose of re-  
ceiving the Report of the Board  
of Directors together with the  
Statement of Accounts for the  
Year ended 31st December, 1947,  
and to elect Directors and ap-  
point Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the  
Company will be closed from  
Wednesday, the 10th March,  
1948, to Wednesday, the 24th  
March, 1948, both days inclu-  
sive.

By Order of the Board

R. TAYLOR,

Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1948.

## NOTICE TO IMPORTERS

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business, where available, a

statement of imports during

1947 and their estimated month-

ly requirements until June 1948.

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ports listed under countries as

shown below. Applications

should be submitted before

Friday, 27th February, 1948.

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2. South Africa

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4. Holland

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C. G. S. FOLLOWS,

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21st February, 1948.

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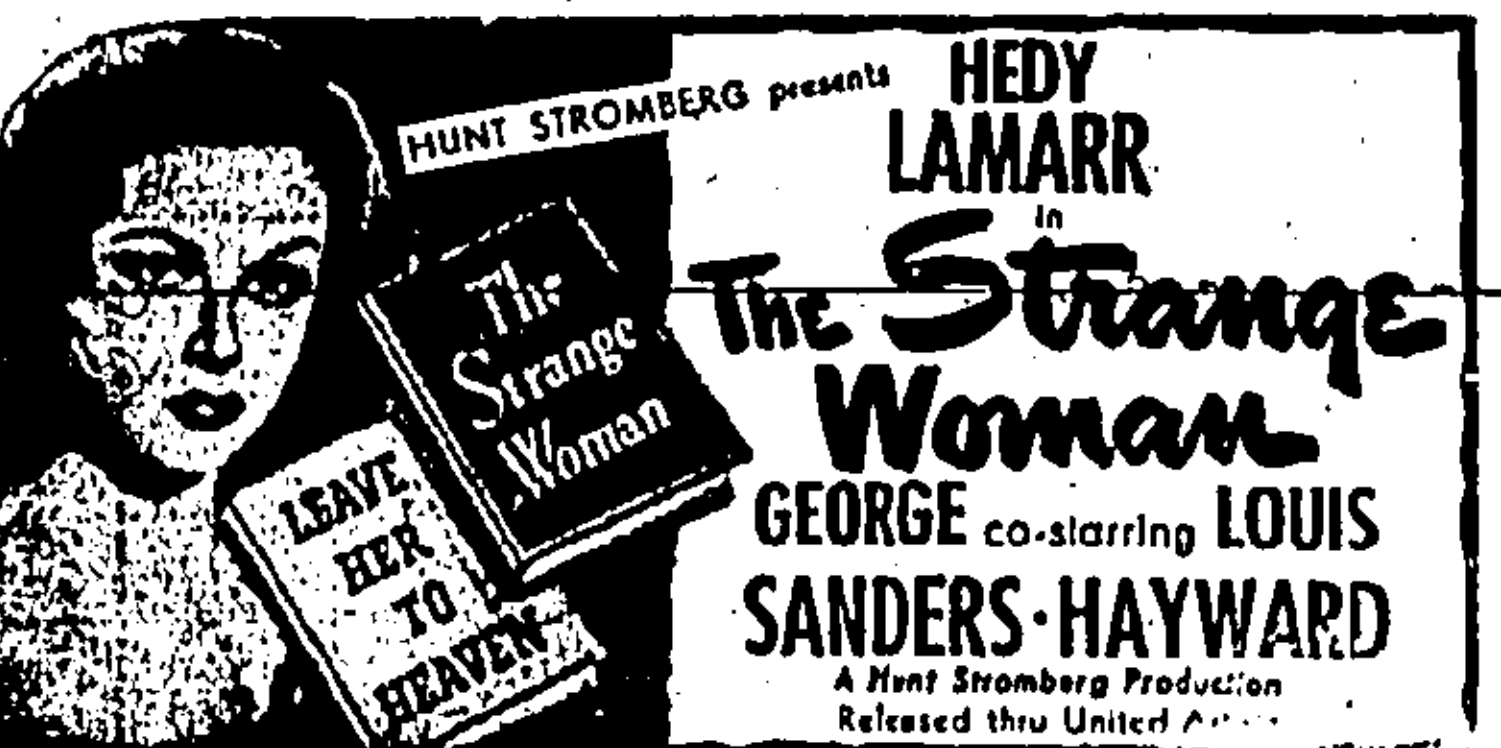
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## A BOFFIN COMES BACK TO TURN THAT TIDE

Sir Henry Tizard, chief of Britain's wartime Boffins and now appointed to discover why thousands of British workers produce only half as much as their American counterparts, talked last night about the first of his findings.

Already, in an off-record talk, Sir Henry, one of the world's great scientists, has told M.P.s that if British industry would adopt more scientific methods it could aim at a production target 50 per cent above the present output.

Last night he said: The general answer why some of our industries lag is because they have not kept up to date. In many of our factories and mills the managements are too conservative.

"Technologically the Americans have far outstripped us. Their factories are better planned; they are more ready to adopt new scientific ideas, and they make great use of highly trained efficiency experts."

"We are short of properly trained efficiency experts, and in any event many firms would expect if it were suggested that they ought to call one in."

"Generally speaking, we are ahead of the Americans in science, but in the application of the latest scientific knowledge we are very behind."

Two Years Or Else...

Sir Henry with a "brains trust" of 15, the newly formed Committee on Industrial Productivity, has the job of showing British industry how to catch up, and perhaps pass, the Americans. "We've got to do it quickly, too," he says. "I've set a time limit of two years. If we haven't got results in that time we shall have failed."

Four panels of the committee are already at work examining:

(a) The human side, management worker relations, etc.

(b) Technological processes which means finding out where British industry goes wrong in matters of machinery, layout, and administrative efficiency;

(c) The possibilities of finding alternative raw materials and making economies in the material we use;

(d) Seeing that factory and workshop chiefs are kept supplied with the latest technical information.

The panels will go to factories, workshops, and mills, search out the weak spots, and then report

to Mr. Herbert Morrison and Sir Stafford Cripps. The committee is advisory only. It has no authority to order industry to do anything. Its job is to report.

First industry to go under the committee's scientific microscope will be textile and clothing, because it has a vital export trade.

Says Sir Henry: "We have all

made quickly and at the lowest cost. There isn't much time for British industry to step-up production and there isn't much money available. If we are to increase exports, costs have got to be cut."

"I feel sure industry will co-operate with us and afford us full facilities. Remember, our reports will not be published;

more efficient than small concerns."

"Often it is the smaller firms that set the pace, and that goes for the States too. It is wrong to assume that mass-production alone can cut costs."

Much waste is due to obsolete regulations. Sir Henry cited engineering projects. "Often regulations for, say, large buildings and bridges demand that conventional engineers use steel girders of much greater weight than is really necessary."

"The regulations about strength and stresses haven't kept up with the progress in the strengthening of steel with the result that there is prodigious waste."

### Survival Survey

A special problem which worries Sir Henry is that many people, especially workers, believe that business streamlining means sackings.

His comment: "If industry as a whole does not increase output a whole lot of jobs will go for a very long time. Something has to be done, urgently."

Sir Henry Tizard is directing the "survey on survival" from his lofty, panelled office in the Ministry of Defence overlooking St. James's Park. He is also chairman of Britain's hush-hush Defence Committee.

## By JOHN HALL

the production data from the U.S. already to hand, and while it is true that in some industries the Americans have great advantages which account for their greater output—their coal is easier to get than ours—in other industries where we start about level they are still way ahead of us.

"But we don't need to go as far as the U.S. There are great output variations inside our own industries. Our job is to find out why and hope that the low output plants will act on the recommendations we make."

"Most of all, we have to discover improvements that can be

there'll be no 'black lists.' It would be better to publish 'white lists.'"

"And don't forget there are some progressive firms which have gone all out to be put to date, and they have made big increases in output. Mostly it has been done by managements and workers getting together and agreeing how processes can be speeded up and made more economical."

### Out-Of-Date Laws

Big and little firms will come under scrutiny. Sir Henry does not believe that large firms are

## 'SELLING' THE CHURCH IN A BIG WAY

By Clifford Hulme

English Church leaders, worried about falling off of congregations, have been advised by their Special Commission, in a report published yesterday, to use almost every means of publicity to recreate an interest in religion.

Church leaders here thought of that a long time ago.

"Have you heard one of Sister Sylvia's annual, unmeasured, amazing sermons? Every Sunday night, Four Square Mission."

This is an actual advertisement from the *Los Angeles Examiner* and is typical of a score in that paper alone designed to lure folks to church.

National Campaign

Americans who are accustomed from childhood to advertisements about everything from accountancy to zinc pass that sort of without batting an eyelid. But now they face a new and vigorous incursion into the field of publicity aimed to sell the Kingdom of God in a really big way.

The 800,000 strong Knights of Columbus, after a promising localised trial spin, have launched a nation-wide magazine campaign to promote the Roman Catholic Church by modern sales techniques, including a "sign on the dotted line" offer of a free booklet.

While the other big denominations debate whether to wrestle for souls in the public prints,

the advertising copyboys are brushing up their acquaintance with the Bible and the printers are dusting their Second Coming type. Religion looks like being good business.

Church Nurseries

Hitherto most of America's 256 religious bodies have relied on sober methods to draw into their 253,000 churches, tabernacles, and gospel halls the 78,500,000 members they claim, and as many of the backsliders as possible. Their publicity mainstay has been a notice each Friday in the local paper of next Sunday's services.

One Washington paper each week carries 154 such advertisements, ranging in size from a single column inch to a group of notices of services in related churches. One cathedral took four inches across two columns. Colour movies and a nursery during the service are two increasingly frequent "come-ons" resorted to by even the established churches.

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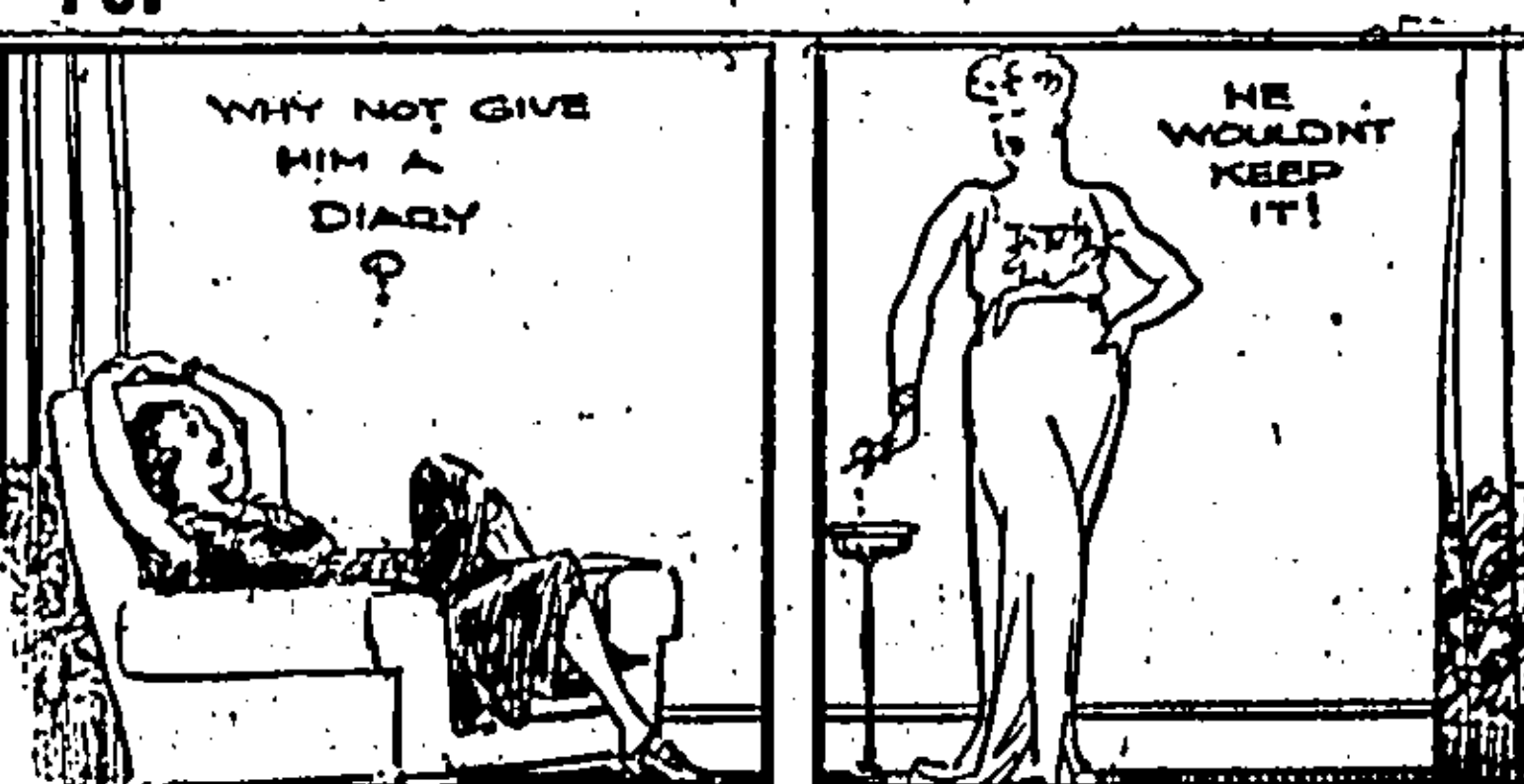


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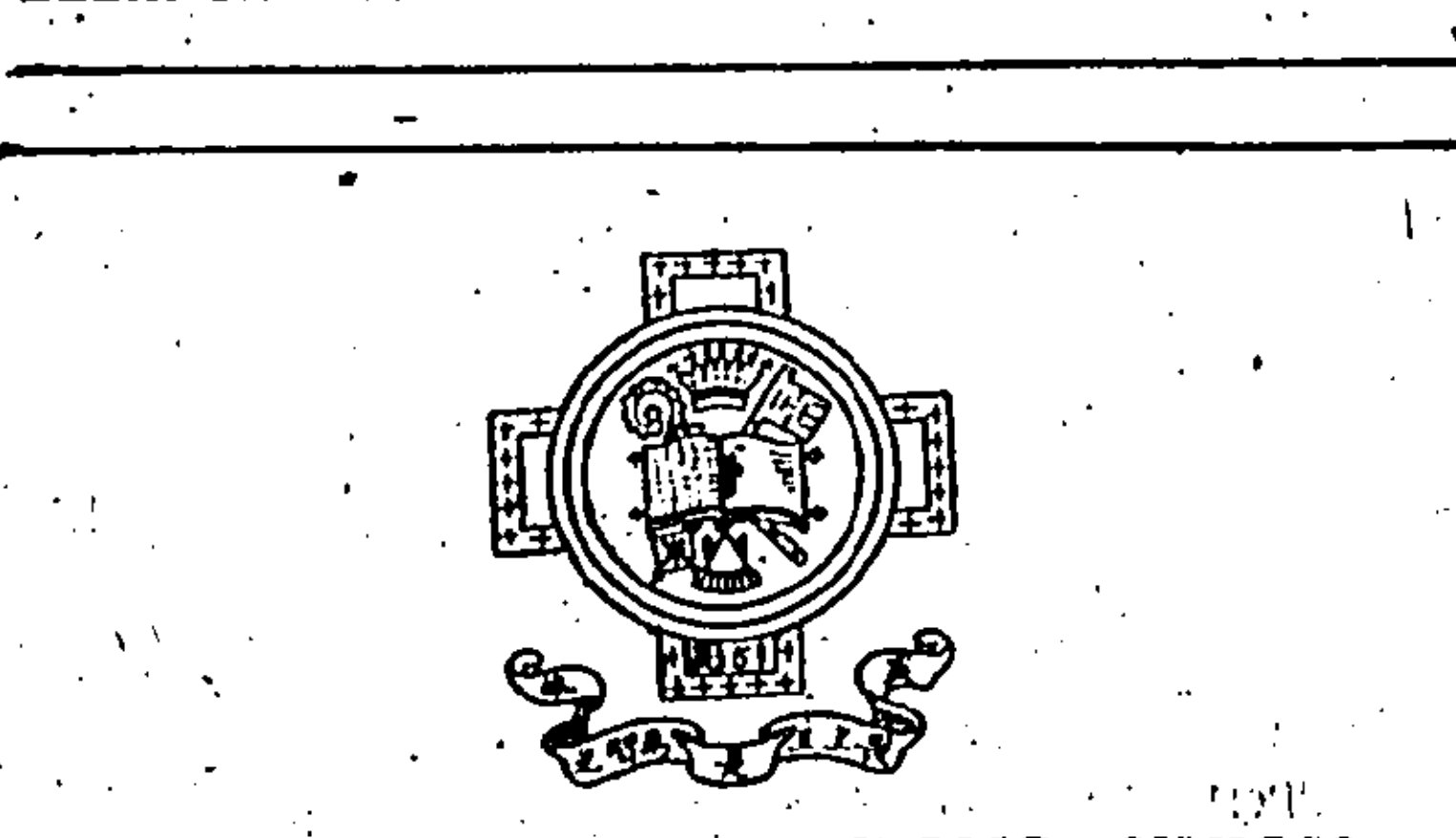
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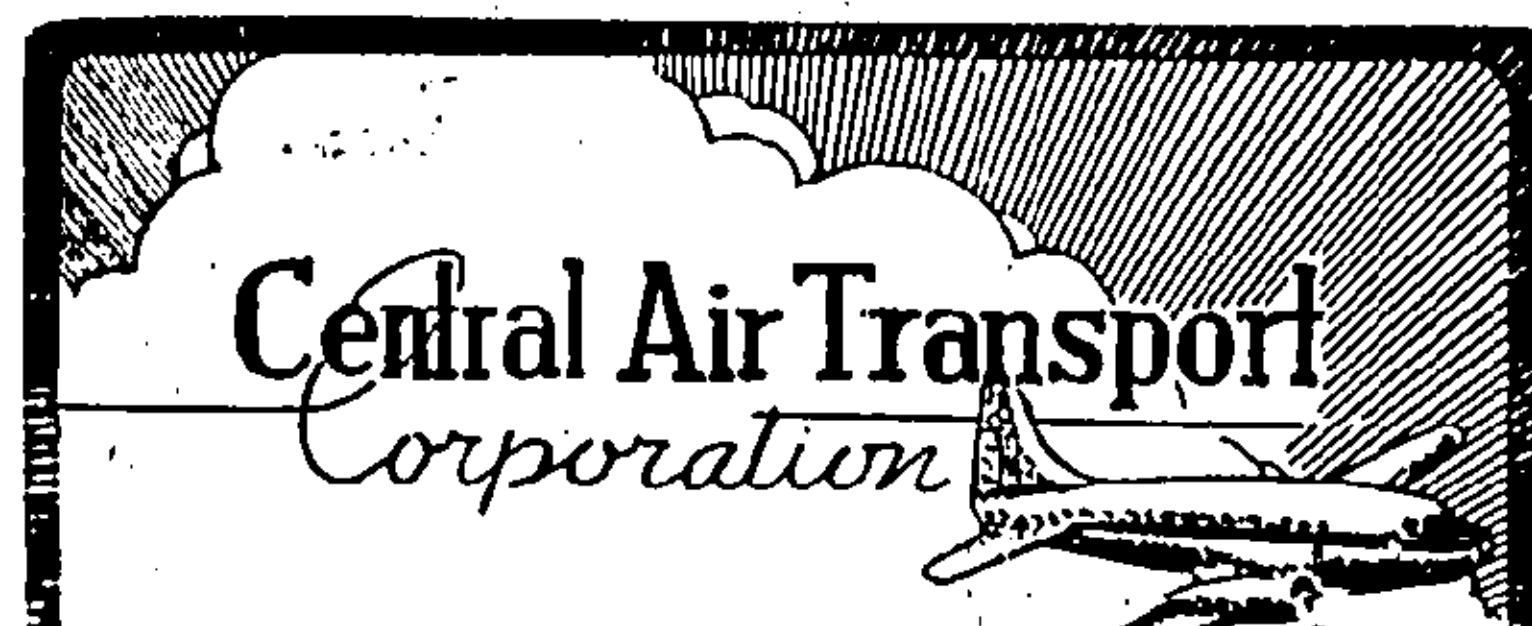
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## DEATH

SILVA.—ON Sunday, February 15, 1948, at the St. Marie Hospital, Shanghai, Augusto Thiago Da Silva, aged 58 years, dearly-beloved husband of Mrs. Julia Barretto Da Silva, father of Alzira, Joao, Gustavo, Marcus and Regina and grandfather of Reinaldo.

Mr. & Mrs. DAVID DRUMMOND

P.P.C. S.S. "Canada Mail"

## "YEAR OF TEST"

Having broken all sorts of records in 1947, Britain is entering 1948 prepared for even more austere than in 1947. As Sir Stafford Cripps, has just put it, 1948 is to be a "year of test."

This challenging prospect seems paradoxical when viewed against industrial statistics. The explanation of the paradox is that Britain's war losses were so great, the setbacks she suffered as an international financier so devastating, the postwar price rise in things Britain needs has been so steep, that the gains in production and export in 1947 do not promise any quick solution of Britain's problems, but only indicate that there is a good chance of solving them in time, with sufficient effort.

Coal has been the most difficult hurdle. But miners have been working longer hours voluntarily. Mechanization programmes are taking shape. Exports of coal to the Continent began with the New Year, aiming at a 1948 target of 10,000,000 tons, with 15,000,000 the bull's-eye for '49. They will help to offset expected declines in some other lines.

When one puts the achievements of British workers beside their continuing sacrifices, one sees that for Britain the war is far from over. The Nazi ambition to reduce British power in the world had partial fulfillment in the economic level. Now Britain is fighting its way back. This is no mere chapter of competition with other countries for the world's trade but a gigantic job of economic salvage that will eventually do much to put all the world's trade on a better balance.

## Trade Pact

If there are political overtones in the trade pact which Britain recently signed with Soviet Russia, the British do not seem to be conscious of them. Their foreign policy, they say, remains tied to the Marshall Plan, which the Soviet leaders are trying to wreck.

To be sure, the announcement of the agreement inspired an unusually enthusiastic demonstration in the House of Commons, which gave added hope to the Labour Party rebels, who have been pressing for a more lenient British policy toward Russia. It is apparent from London reports, however, that the British foresee no sudden improvement in Anglo-Russian political relations as a result of the new trade agreement.

What they mainly see is a 750,000-ton sack of grain which will help to feed pigs and poultry. This is in Russia's part of the bargain. Britain is to supply Russia with industrial equipment. The agreement is a short-term one, and has been arrived at only after protracted arguments about the rate of interest which Russia is to pay on debts to Britain contracted outside the Lend-Lease framework during the war. On this the Russians drove a hard bargain, and cut the rate from 3 to 1/2 of 1 per cent.

Britain will doubtless find the bargain a more convertible form of currency than rubles would have been. It will help to make good for Britain, who

## COCOA MAY DISAPPEAR IN 20 YEARS

By GLANVILLE CAREW

An item of news which will disturb many people, but will probably leave still more folk completely unmoved, has just been given to us in a newspaper. It appears that an expert has said that cocoa may disappear altogether within the next 20 years. We gather that even now there is a more or less imminent danger of a shortage of cocoa.

It seems that a virus is attacking the trees in West Africa with the result that in the Gold Coast alone some millions of trees are out of health and may be dying.

Such news is indeed serious enough in itself but there is an addendum to it which is more than serious. We are told that experts do not know the nature of the virus and that, so far, they are "baffled"—which is no amazing that we can only hope and trust that the experts are not attached to our Food, or Health, or any other Ministry. In this country we know that only the great detectives of Scotland Yard are ever "baffled"; experts never, or hardly ever.

Any way, research is going on but the virus has not yet been baptized even with initials, likely because the experts can't think of a name or a number for him. They will, of course, given time; they need not despair. A couple of hundred years ago, or earlier, a virus attacked people in east Anglia. The experts of the day apparently became so giddy while running around looking for a name to fit the stranger that they decided to call him, pro tem, Whirligigousicon, whereupon he vanished. Verb Sap.

100 Years Ago

From the files of the "China Mail"

"Sir,—If anything can smooth the pillow of a dying man—alleviate his sufferings—and so ease his last moments, it is to be found in the sympathy with which he sees himself regarded by those from whose exalted position in life he is little led to expect compassion—much less to experience at their hands the tenderest and most signal acts of personal kindness and attention, and those too at a time when they are most required and consequently best appreciated."

"It gives me unspeakable pleasure to record in the columns of your journal the deep sense of gratitude which I, in common with all my comrades of this Regiment, feel for our worthy Colonel, whose benevolence and beneficence—always, indeed, conspicuous—have known no bounds since the present great mortality broke out among us."

"With a philanthropy as noble and disinterested as it is creditable, praiseworthy and useful, he fearlessly braves death and disease daily, I might almost say hourly (yet) even in the stillness and melancholy of the night, perambulating the wards of the Hospital and whispering words of hope and comfort to the poor patients, whose pallid countenances are lit up with a smile of gladness whenever his welcome footsteps are heard approaching their beds."

"It is, I assure you, as delightful as it is touching to witness the affectionate solicitude and paternal anxiety which are depicted on his manly brow as he mingles among 'his own dear boys,' as he familiarly calls them, learning their wishes and anticipating their wants, and providing for all their little necessities out of his own private resources."

"Many a little comfort and luxury which the establishment does not afford, does not supply, but if he be kind and considerate to the men, he is doubly so to the 'widows' and the fatherless,' whom he takes specially under his protection, and for whom he opens liberal subscription lists, his own name standing invariably at the head of each for a considerable sum."

At present, however, it is said that the Ministry of Food is worried about the situation. It can hardly be that, behind the scenes, the officials are expecting to be rushed by hordes of cocoa-crazed addicts inflamed by the fumes of their favourite tipple and demanding to be told what they are to do. Twenty and thirty and forty years on when cocoa shall be no more; and why hasn't the Government done something about it?

## Not Rationed

So far, cocoa has not been rationed at all and even in the worst times of general shortage of many things it has always been readily and plentifully obtainable in the stores by the public.

Even if the threatened shortage leads only to rationing it will be a serious deprivation to vast numbers of working families who rely upon it less as a grateful and comforting beverage than as a nourishing item of their household catering.

We cannot afford to lose any more sustaining items, fluid or solid, from our domestic bill of fare but we are nervously conscious that when such pieces of news somehow creep into news paragraphs they often merely foreshadow official intentions and we speculate whether and just how long it will be before cocoa joins the list of rationed or even vanished things.

So we shall see what we shall see. Meanwhile consumers of cocoa can reflect complacently that their favourite beverage has

always been a highly respectable one and innocuous—and in the eyes of some, even a symbol of goody-goody tendencies. Not all of them will care to recall, or will even know, that in the 18th Century there was a passing and wholly groundless fear that cocoa possessed certain aphrodisiac qualities which might insidiously sap morals of our young women—especially of the servant class.

## Cocoa-Binge

Evil thoughts have never been inspired, nor have any next morning headaches been induced by even the most prolonged and determined cocoa-binge. It is not recorded that there are serious after effects of over indulgence. It is true that an extremist in ardent liquors—(such for instance as Peter the Great whose ideal restorative is said to have been brandy generously laced with cayenne pepper) would hardly consider it inspiring and would certainly find it insipid, nevertheless it has never done any harm.

Curiously enough, cocoa, which was introduced into England in the days of the Puritans, when austerity, was as it is now, the national motto, has always been associated with religious non-conformity. Even today the famous cocoa firms, whose names are household words with us are of fine old Quaker stock. It must be admitted that cocoa does not tend to marked gaiety of spirit. Fancy—if we can—A jovial drinking song like the "cherry wine" translated into a rollicking roaring chorus of "Pour out the cocoa."

"Let it flow  
Like a free and running river..."

## U.S. Navy Not Afraid Of The Future

Tsingtao, Feb. 22. Thanks to an expert reserve fleet, the United States "need not be afraid of any Naval eventuality in the immediate future," Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger said yesterday.

The nation's Navy manpower reserve "already is in very favourable position and getting better all the time," he told the Associated Press.

The U. S. Navy's promptness and thoroughness in putting vessels and equipment in storage soon after the war produced a large reserve which can be tapped on short notice.

The Navy, he said, did not stand still in face of new atomic and other developments in warfare.

"In general, as new methods of warfare are developed, the proper adjustments in material and thinking are being made," said Admiral Badger.

"The history of the past is that new weapons never fail to develop counter weapons."

The U.S. Navy's main aim is to reduce the time interval between the appearance of new forms of fighting and the adjustment to them. In the past, Government economies and other factors made this gap a big and expensive one, he said. This situation has improved today.

The capital ship of the future, he said, will be a far cry from yesterday's battleship whose emphasis fell on heavy guns and armament aloft.

To-morrow's capital ship will carry rocket guns, in short, every weapon to make it effective. Speed and manoeuvrability will be important. Without modernization, the battleship of yesterday is outdated. Remember, the big ship alone

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"It seems mighty funny to me that all the conversation ceases the minute I come into the room!"

## BUSH AIRLINE THAT CRISS-CROSSED THE BANANA BELT

From Lachie McDonald

Sydney, January. Ned Kelly's Airline has scrounged its last piece of engine and "traded" for its final carton of American cigarettes along the 6,000 mile mail run from Melbourne, 38 degrees north.

Australian officials knew this line as the Royal Australian Air Force courier service to Japan. Twin-engined Dakotas from November, 1945, to early this January made 577 trips without one serious crash.

Boys flying the route and men along the way who relied on the Dakotas for their letters and frequently for their food, has a lot of other names for the service. It was one of those outfits that never had enough of anything—except guts.

"Ned Kelly's Airline" was the favourite term, and the friendliest. In case you don't know your Australia, Ned Kelly was an old-time bushranger whose name has become a local synonym for cool cheek.

There was plenty of that in the Australians who planned the first flights to Japan, and in their brothers who did the flying.

Only aircraft available to fly mail to Australian troops going to help occupy conquered Japan were beaten-up Dakotas that had been on transport service during the Pacific war. North of Darwin was only one Australian-operated landing strip suitable for aircraft running to Japan. This was on Morotai Island in the Halmaheras, the Dutch-owned islands north-east of the Celebes. Beyond Morotai all airfields were under American control.

So pilots on early flights to Iwakuni, in Southern Honshu, that part of Japan handed over for occupation by British Commonwealth troops, literally had to talk their own way into landing rights, petrol, facilities, meals, spare parts and anything else needed on the long flight between Australia and Japan.

From Morotai the Australian survey flights looked into Tacloban on Leyte Island where General Douglas MacArthur returned to the Philippines—and where men of the Royal Air Force Transport Command camped after flying from Australia in support of the British Pacific Fleet during the last months of the Japanese war. Soon the Australians found a more suitable overnight stop at a U.S. Navy airfield on Samar Island, Laoag, on the northern tip of Luzon was a refuelling place and, in typhoon weather, an overnight stop. Naha, on Okinawa, and Iwakuni were the next fields. Last was Tachikawa, a former Japanese military field at Tokyo.

The Australians improved the route as they stepped up their service. Last year the only call in the Philippines was at Clark Field outside Manila. Actual flying time then had been cut to under 40 hours for press

passengers and air crews still couldn't get anything to eat between Melbourne-Adelaide-Darwin except tea and a biscuit at Alice Springs—no one would have been bold enough to forecast another 18 months operation without a single casualty.

Older Dakotas then were cracking-up. Skilled maintenance mechanics were flocking from the service back to civilian life. Transports were being grounded along the route more and more frequently.

"Adopted"

Because the Australians flew in and out of Okinawa in weather that often stopped U.S. service transports, American mechanics at Naha genially "adopted" the Australians and frequently left their cots to fuss nightlong with engines that weren't an American worry. This helped small, hard-pressed Australian maintenance units at Iwakuni, Morotai and Darwin to keep a handful of the older aircraft going until replacements arrived.

So now the Ned Kelly has closed down with a clean record of nearly 6,000,000 miles. It carried without one casualty, a total of 8,600 passengers, 870,000 lbs. of freight and 871,000 lbs. of mail.

Three times I scrambled for sleeping space on its mailbags. Lancastrian passengers will never know the tin sheds of Darwin, the wet jungle-camp crawling with insects near the strip at Morotai, the torn tents under the palms at Tacloban. Nor will they know the joy of fresh American sheets and towels in mosquito-screened quonset huts at Samar and Naha; the coffee and doughnuts at Laoag—and the frosty drinks in American clubs that were so generously opened to the Lancastrians.

AP INDEX

New York, Feb. 23. The Associated Press composite of 35 wholesale commodity prices turned about this week to register its first climb in six Friday-to-Friday comparisons.

The index, which stood equal 100, stood at 100.97 compared with 100.55 a week ago and 117.70 a year ago.

Among components, advances were registered for food, grains, cotton and industrial. Livestock and textiles declined. Associated



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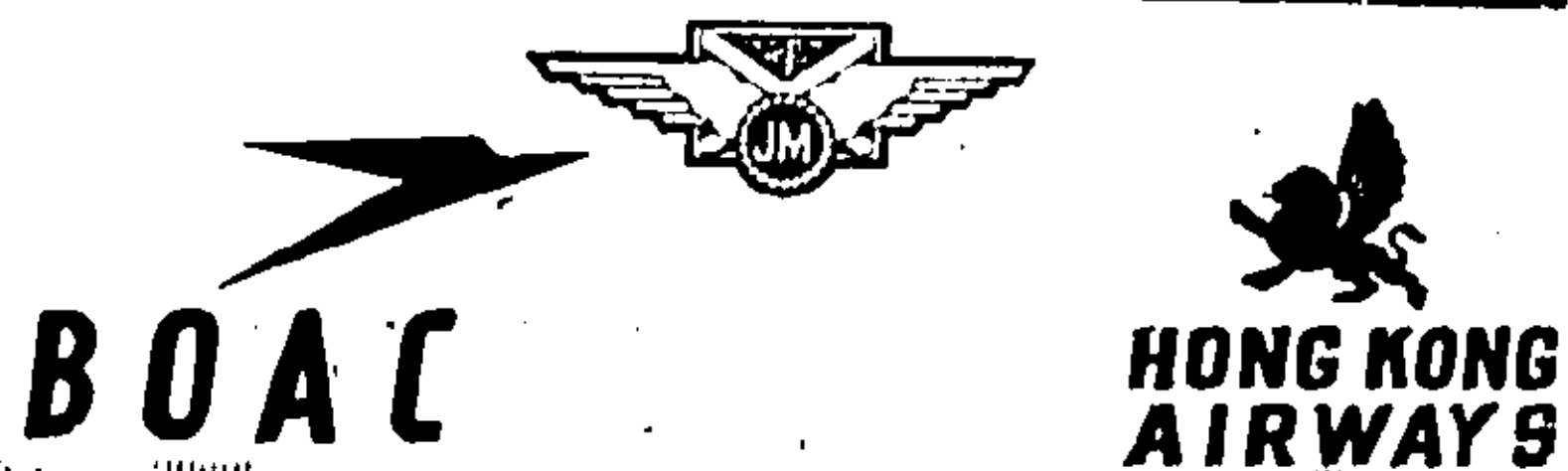
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# Aid To China Programme Pleases No One

## Some Say "Pitifully Inadequate," Others "Just A Waste Of Money" Majority Are Confused

Washington, Feb. 21.

The first few days of the public press, official and Congressional discussion of the Administration's proposed \$570,000,000 China aid programme have made it abundantly clear that one salient feature of the plan is that apparently it pleases no one.

Those who consistently have advocated aid to Chiang Kai-shek's government describe the plan as being, among other things, "pitifully inadequate." Some deplore the lack of military aid in the programme. Some complain over the absence of any effort to assist Chinese currency stabilization. Still others think that attention should be given to both these matters.

On the other hand, those who have consistently opposed aid to the Central government believe that the proposed programme will simply be a waste of money. They assert that since it will have no real effect in China, the funds should be diverted to other purposes or saved.

Observers find that persons who with "playing politics" and in had no firmly preconceived ideas on whether or not the United States should aid China are thoroughly confused now by the debate touched off by the disclosure of the plan.

President Truman's and Mr. George Marshall's statements concerning the plan are regarded here as very lukewarm and plainly indicative of the fact that the programme is being offered in response to Republican demands, and not because industrialization is believed particularly wise at this time.

This impression was documented further when Marshall frankly told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that if Congress could not consider the European and Chinese plans simultaneously, it should leave China as it is until it has passed the European bill.

This statement, made despite his admission that without United States aid there is a good possibility that the Chiang Government will collapse (thus giving the Communists control of all China "west of the Yangtze") and jeopardizing the American position in Korea and Japan, does not help to dissipate confusion over the Administration's real sentiment on the matter.

**Bewildering**  
On the other hand, proponents of greater aid to China are offering a bewildering variety of suggestions.

Chairman Charles Eaton, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, wants the United States to go into China with an aid programme large enough to "handle the entire situation." Proponents of total aid to China have estimated that this would cost at least \$1,500,000,000.

Representative Walter Judd and the "Washington Post," who see eye to eye on very few aspects of the China programme, are however, agreed that an attack should be made on China's currency problems through the programme to replace the present high inflated paper money by silver coins.

Columnist Constantine Brown, in the conservative "Evening Star," while not touching on the possibility of monetary stabilization aspects, comes out for military assistance to Generalissimo Chiang sufficient to enable him to defeat the Communists.

**MacArthur**  
To add to the general uncertainty as to the trend which the debate on the China plan will take, the House Foreign Affairs Committee, during its first considerations of the plan, became bogged down in the dispute over whether or not to invite Gen. MacArthur to come to Washington to testify on the bill; this has been resolved by MacArthur's decision to remain in Japan. Representative Lawrence Smith, of Wisconsin, and some other Republicans want him to be called here to testify. Democratic members charged the Republicans

### Shafer Bill Introduced

Washington, Feb. 21.  
Three U.S. Senators have introduced legislation designed to take the Government out of the synthetic rubber business as quickly as possible.  
They would extend to July 1, 1950 the Government's power to allocate synthetic rubber, control inventories and specify synthetic use but would confine these powers to tires and tubes.  
The Shafer bill, which was approved by the House Armed Services Committee last Tuesday, would extend Federal controls indefinitely.  
It also would allow the President to require the use of synthetic rubber products of any type.—Reuter.

### 1919 AIR MAIL STAMP

London, Feb. 21.  
An envelope bearing a Newfoundland air mail stamp, carried in an attempted flight from Newfoundland to England in 1919 will be auctioned in London Tuesday.  
The aircraft crashed soon after taking off. The stamp is a three-cent issue overprinted by hand: "Aerial Atlantic Mail—J.R.R."—Reuter.

### "Peace Production Board"

Washington, Feb. 21.  
Mr. Eric Johnston, former President of the American Chamber of Commerce, today proposed to American bankers that they set up a "peace production board" within the Marshall Plan to ease the dumping of American dollar capital into Europe.

Mr. Johnston, now President of the Motion Picture Association of America and a director in a number of banks, made the proposal in a speech in Washington. He said that this "peace production board" should pass on worthy private investments abroad by American banks. He proposed that the Marshall Plan legislation guarantee certain aspects of private American business activity in Europe, and the plan be strengthened and broadened to include his "peace production board."

"We all want the Marshall Plan to be a springboard for Europe, instead of a wheelchair. We do not want it to begin as a handout and run on from year to year as a dole. That is what may happen unless we in private business in this country put some kindling-wood in the hearth of private business over there," Mr. Johnston said.—Reuter.

### British Husbands' Proposal

London, Feb. 21.  
The news that Mrs. Ima Price, one of the Soviet wives in Moscow is seeking a divorce from her British husband has spurred other British husbands to further activity.

They have approached the Foreign Office and are awaiting a decision on the suggestion that equality of visas be enforced between Britain and Russia.

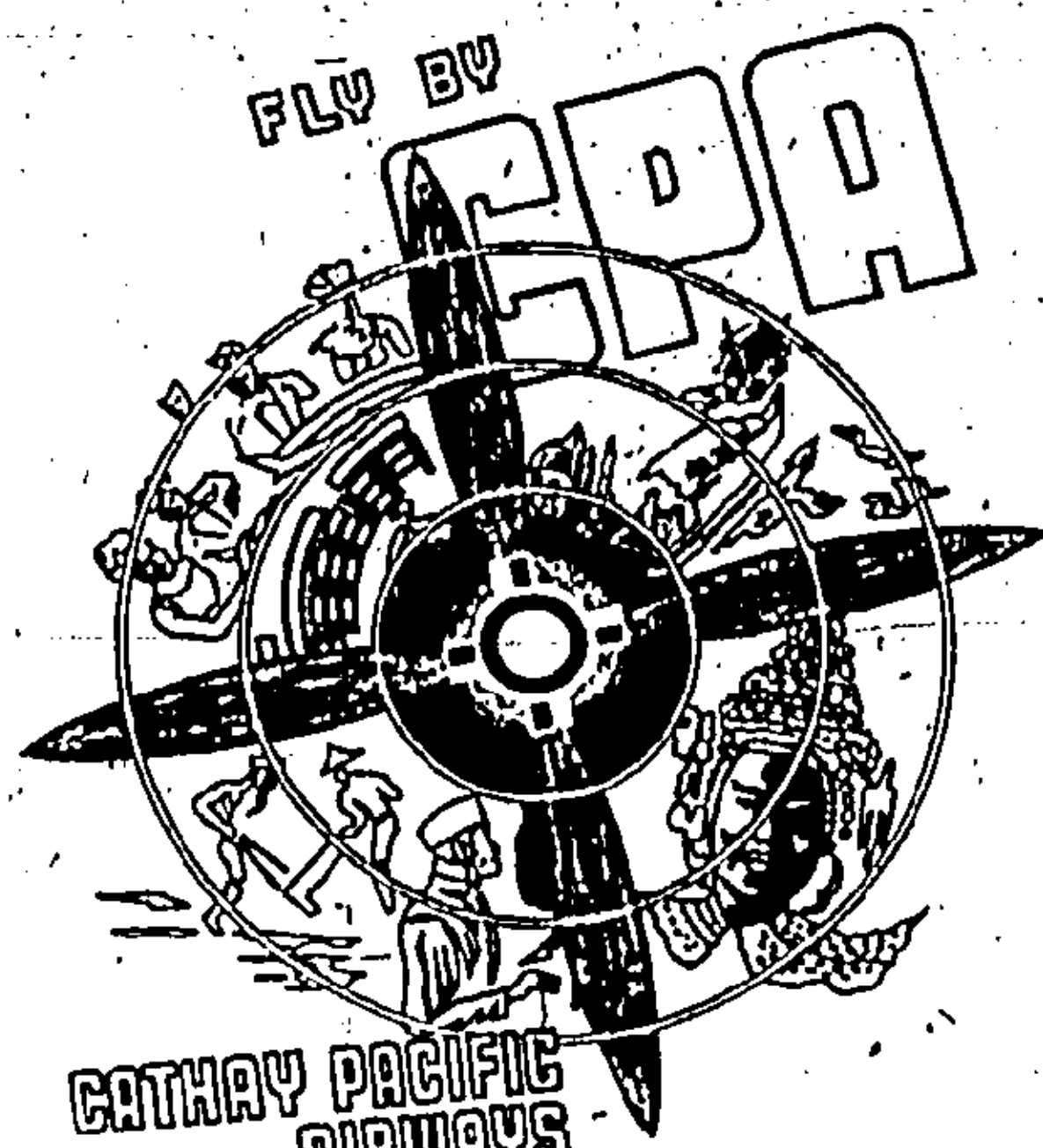
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has had this proposal before him since the House of Lords debate on January 22.

The husbands are organising, with the assistance of the Manchester Liberal Party, a protest meeting to be held in Manchester next Thursday, when last year's Lord Mayor of Manchester will preside.—Reuter.

### SEQUEL TO STRIKE

Brussels, Feb. 21.  
About a thousand Brussels postmen, who staged an unofficial lightning strike last Saturday and were dismissed by the Government, will be re-admitted to the service except for a few directly responsible for the strike. M. Achille van Acker, Minister of Communications and acting Minister of Labour, announced today.  
M. van Acker also said that the gas and electricity workers, who downed tools last week but resumed work following Government and trade union appeals, had been granted today the five per cent "good attendance" bonus they claimed.—Reuter.

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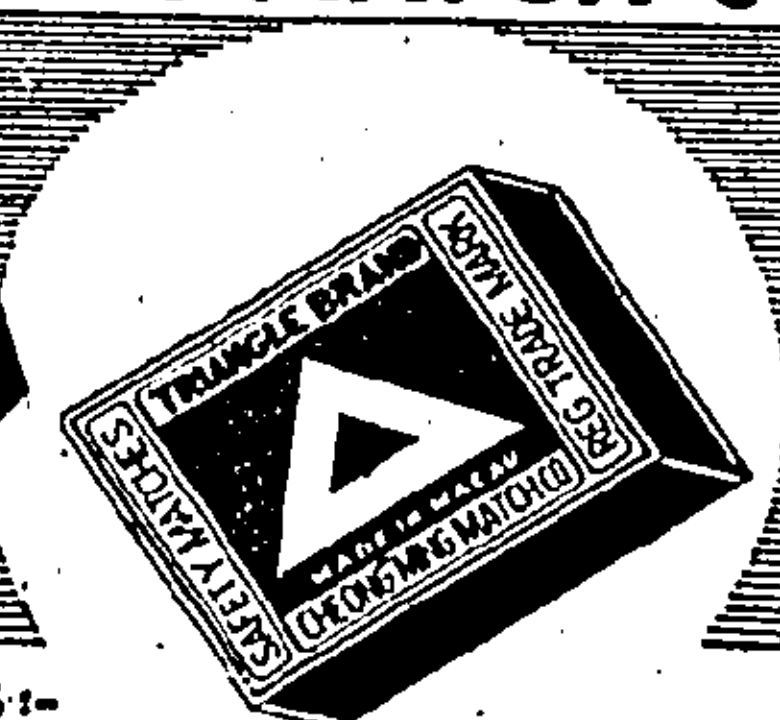
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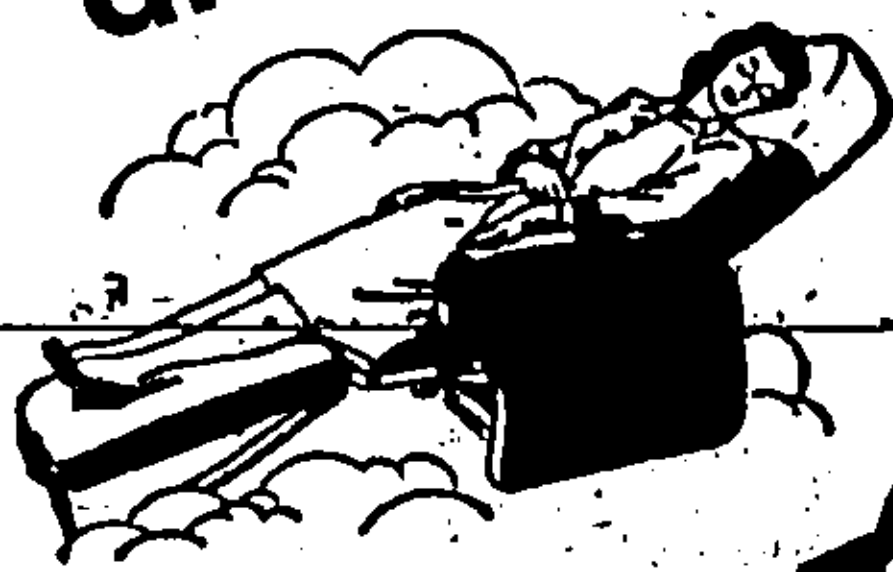
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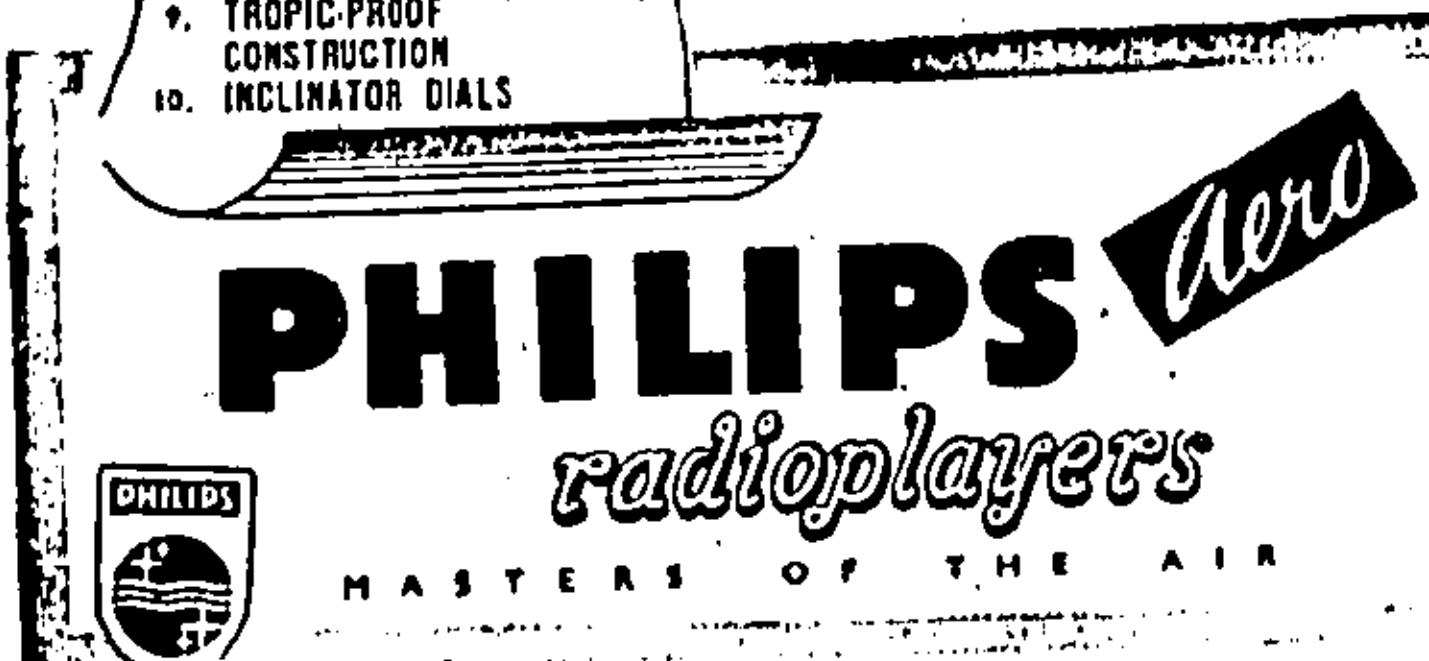


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## EXHORBITANT SOVIET DEMANDS ON AUSTRIAN ECONOMY

London, Feb. 21.

The British, French and United States representatives at today's meeting of the Austrian Deputies of the Big Four made it clear that they considered the latest Soviet claims about German assets in Austria greatly exceeded Austria's capacity to pay.

Continuing their study of Austria's economy, the deputies discussed Soviet proposals about the Danube Shipping Company, cash payment in compensation for miscellaneous German assets; and concession rights for oil extraction.

Mr. James Majoribanks (Britain), commenting on the Soviet claim that Austria should transfer to the Soviet Union within two years \$200,000,000 in freely convertible currency stated:

"I am at a loss to understand how the Soviet delegation thinks that Austria's economy can produce the enormous sum required, all in the space of two years."

Mr. H.V. Kottimov, the Soviet deputy, argued that Austria could find a lump sum for transfer since she would receive all the German assets to which the Soviet Union was renouncing its claims.

Mr. Samuel Reber, the United States delegate, replied that the German assets which Austria would inherit would be acquired as an internal property, while the claim due to the Soviet Union would have to be transferred abroad.

The British, French and United States deputies failed to secure from Mr. Kottimov any specific statement on which assets would be covered by the Soviet claim to 25 per cent of the assets in all Austria of the Danube Shipping Company.

They also failed to clarify the effect of the Soviet claim to all production concession rights.

The deputies adjourned until next Tuesday.—Reuter.

### Exorbitant

The western deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers today told Russia that they will not accept any Austrian peace treaty which called for exorbitant payments.

The United States deputy, Samuel Reber, criticising the Soviet demand for heavy compensation for "German assets" in Austria, said that any treaty claims must be within Austria's ability to pay in order to sustain the Allied promises to make Austria economically independent.

The Soviet demand in the form of a proposed Four Power agreement of settling Allied

### Dollar Demand

Russia's demand for American dollars and United States insistence upon the withdrawal of occupation troops emerged on Saturday night as the main blocks to four-power agreement on an Austrian peace. These issues overshadowed new talk between the Foreign Ministers deputies.

The first and most immediate issue stemmed from Soviet insistence that Austria pay Russia the equivalent of US\$200,000,000 American dollars "in freely convertible currency."

American sources said the United States opposed payment of the claim by Austria in such a manner. They contended any "convertible currency" would come indirectly from American taxpayers through the Marshall Plan for European recovery.

Under a French proposal, which has both British and American support, the Russian claim would be cut in half.—Associated Press.

### U.S. "Surprise"

Washington, Feb. 21. The United States note said that there is no provision in the Potsdam or any other agreement relating to Germany which prevents any power from discussing questions of common concern.

"The United States Government is surprised that the Soviet Government should undertake to remind other powers of their contractual obligations in Germany," the note said.

The United States reminder Russia that all its earlier offers are still open if the Soviets wish to join the other powers in measures for achieving German economic and political unity.—United Press.

### Definition Wanted By Correspondents

Washington, Feb. 21.

The "Baltimore Sun" today called for an investigation by an impartial agent of the charges made by American correspondents in Japan that those newsmen who displease General MacArthur's regime are penalized.

Allied correspondents in Tokyo on Wednesday issued a statement accusing the occupation officials of having frequently attempted, under the guise of military security, to impose "air-tight censorship" at the source, despite guarantees against censorship by General MacArthur.

The call for a clear definition of peace-time security and for action to prevent officials trying to withhold non-military information "by the use of threats, intimidation and coercion."—Reuter.

## Russian Request Rejected

Stockholm, Feb. 21. Russia has asked Sweden to arrest and deport to Russia a 19-year-old Estonian stewardess, Daisy Umnova, who escaped from an Estonian ship at Karlskrona, south Sweden.

It is believed that Sweden will reject the request as the Allens Commission has already granted the girl a residence permit.

After going into hiding when her ship docked at Karlskrona, she told interviewers that every Soviet ship carried a political officer, who gave daily political lectures, at which the crew's attendance was compulsory.

In foreign ports, she said, the crewmen were forbidden to drink, accept the smallest gifts or buy any local literature.—Reuter.

## U.S. Rejects Soviet Protest On Talks

Washington, Feb. 21.

The United States today rejected a Russian protest against a forthcoming American-British-French meeting to organize the economy of Western Germany. America blamed Russian policies for making the step necessary.

Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett sent a note to Soviet Ambassador Alexander Panushkin declaring that "the failure of the Soviet Government to observe the principles of economic unity" in Germany "compels the other three powers to organize the German economy in the interests of both German and European recovery." The note was worded with unusual bluntness.

Lovett told Panushkin flatly that Russia's protest against the three-power meeting which opens in London on Monday "can only be construed as an effort to shift the responsibility

### Unacceptable

Russia interprets that as requiring all German national problems to be handled jointly by all four of the occupying powers.

Russia has said that it would regard as unacceptable any decisions reached by the London conference.

The aim of the London meeting is to try to provide a maximum of cooperation between the already merged British-American zones of Germany and the French zone. The ultimate aim is unification of all Western Germany as one of the bases for the European recovery programme.—Associated Press.

## Pollitt Blames It All On Labour Govt.

London, Feb. 21.

Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the British Communist Party, urged today that Mr. Attlee's Socialist Government be replaced with "a new Labour Government of the Left."

Britain's economic crisis is "the result of the reactionary policy of the Right Wing leaders of the Labour Government," Pollitt told the Party's National Congress.

"Everything depends on how rapidly the Left in the Labour movement moves into action," he said. Pollitt said the Marshall Plan "economically takes away more than it gives, and politically is a menace to national independence and the peace of the world."

He asserted the British Government has followed a policy of "surrender to American economic and political dictation," and asked: "American Imperialism?"

"Shall Britain go down in a deepening decline of bankruptcy, will lowered standards, at the mercy of American dictation and with the final prospect of serving as an air-craft carrier of American imperialism in a new world war?"

"Or will the United progressive forces of the Labour movement act in time to compel a radical change of policy, abroad and at home, to save Britain?"—Associated Press.

## Somersets Back From Austria

Harwick, Feb. 21.

The Second Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry arrives here on Monday from Austria, where they have been stationed for one year.

The battalion served with the 43rd Infantry Division in North Africa and crossed with it to Italy in 1944. They fought in the battle for Cassino and took part in the pursuit of the enemy to River Arno. Afterwards the battalion was in action against rebels in Greece.

The First Battalion leaves Bombay for home on February 28.—Reuter.

## 'SELLING' THE CHURCH IN A BIG WAY

(Continued from Page 5)

In his moonlighted church, a few blocks from my office Elder Michaux shouts out the Devil regularly and his choir sings "Happy am I" over the radio.

Church statistics show that whereas half a century ago only one American in five was a church member, now the percentage is a record 52%. Churchmen will claim that much of this increase is due to their efforts, but the growth of the population and the drift to the towns have been factors.

Of actual attendance at services there are no reliable figures, but one suspects that an increasing proportion of the nominally faithful are finding other things to do on Sunday mornings. Un-rationed petrol at a shilling a gallon has a strong pull.

Yet the golden rule that no one can afford to neglect his religious duties is still a third way before men.

## Pupil Of Liszt Dies In Scotland

Stirling, Feb. 21.

Frederick Lamond, pianist and composer, a pupil of Liszt, died today in a nursing home here, less than a month after his 80th birthday.

Lamond gave his first recital in Berlin in 1885 and afterwards played in most countries in the world. Lamond was noted for his monster pianoforte recitals given by him.

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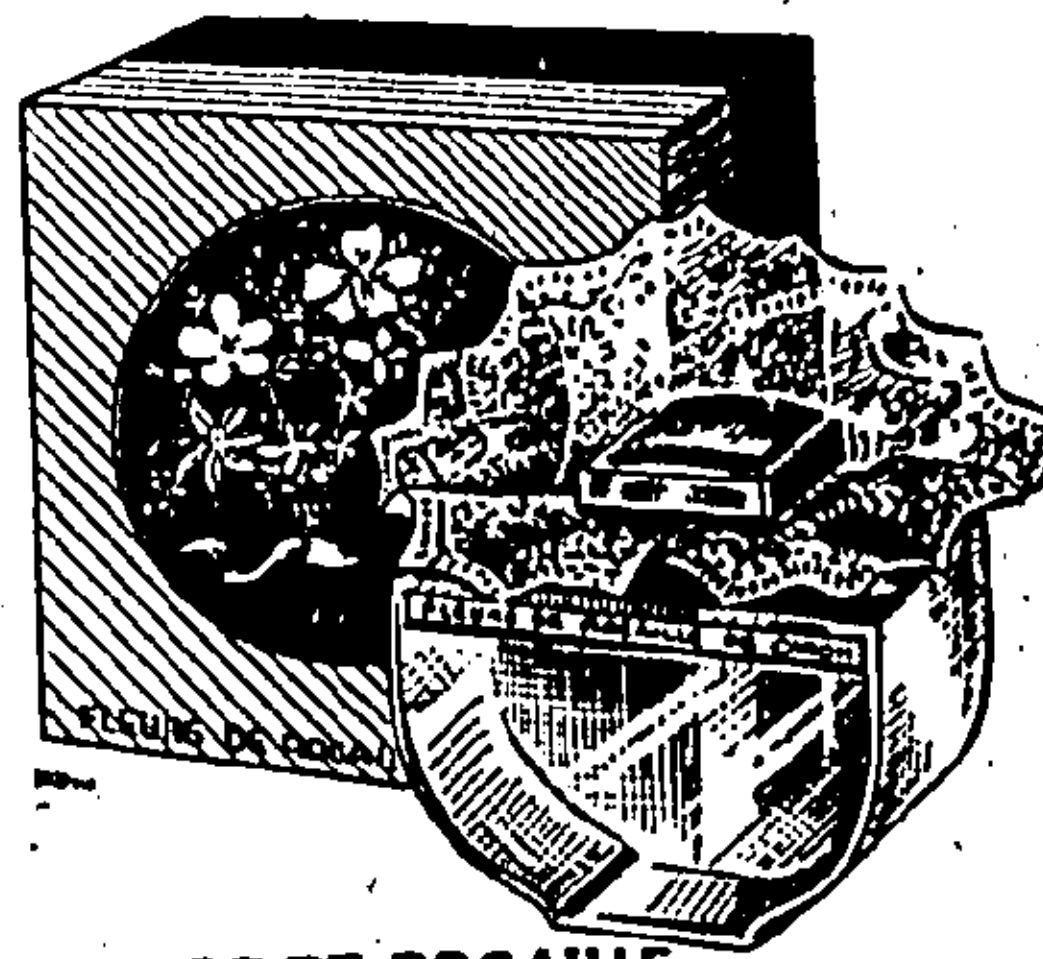
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Through numbers (9 Races—\$18) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st floor, Exchange Building; also tickets for the Special Fast Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Lanterne Handicap" to be run at the Whistman Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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# BENES RESISTS PRESSURE

## Refuses To Accept Resignations Of Anti-Communist Ministers Coalition Cabinet To Continue

Prague, Feb. 21.

President Eduard Benes, ailing and tired, continued to hold the Czechoslovak Government together tonight by resisting Communist pressure.

He told the Communists, from Premier Klement Gottwald down, that he would not allow anything but a Parliamentary government with parties now in the National Front continuing to be represented. He also declared he would not allow the Communists, the largest single party, to be excluded.

Dr. Benes thus refused to accept the resignations of the Ministers of three anti-Communist Parties in a deadlock over alleged Communist attempts to institute a police state and rejected Communist demands for a complete pro-Soviet Government.

His answer was made public after a series of conferences and a public rally at which the Communists voiced their demands. Then the President went to Lang, his country estate, to let the situation stew over the week end.

There, it was reported, he received Zdenek Fierlinger, former Premier and Left Wing Social Democrat leader. Fierlinger was removed from his Party chairmanship last November by the Party Congress because of his

continued close alliance with the Communists.—Associated Press.

## "Unthinkable"

London, Feb. 21. The Slovak Democratic members of the Slovak Board of Trustees (Provincial Cabinet) have been asked to resign by Dr. Husak, Chairman of the Board, in Prague radio said tonight.

Dr. Husak, the radio said, wrote to the Social Democrat members, calling for their resignation "in view of the resignation of the Slovak Democratic Ministers (in the Czechoslovak Cabinet) and in view of the entire attitude of that Party within the Government." "It is legally unthinkable that the Democratic Party, which went into opposition, should have executive power in Slovakia by being represented in the Board of Trustees,"—Reuter.

# MOSCOW SUGGESTION

## RIDICULED

(From Paul Scott Rankins, Reuter Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 21.

State Department officials today ridiculed suggestions put out by the Moscow Radio that the American Ambassador to Prague, Mr. Lawrence Steinhardt, had given the signal for the resignation of non-Communist Ministers from the Czech Cabinet.

Officials of the Department said that the United States Government was watching the political crisis in Prague closely and receiving reports from its Embassy there.

Concern is being expressed in official circles here at the latest developments in Prague, including the Communist Premier's allegations of a plot; his attempt to oust non-Communist members of the Czech Cabinet; and the arrival in Prague of the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister.

More importance, however, is attached in Washington to the political integrity and independence of Czechoslovakia than to any other states for a number of reasons.

Firstly, there is a traditional connection between the United States and Czechoslovakia, dating back to the period of World War I when the foundations of the new democratic Czechoslovak state were laid in the United States itself, with the assistance of Woodrow Wilson, by the present President of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Eduard Benes, and the first President of that state, Dr. Thomas Masaryk, father of the present Foreign Minister.

## Communist Pattern

Although the Communist pattern for subjection of Czechoslovakia appears to be the same as for other states, reaction here would be very much more sharp if a Communist coup d'état is completed.

Secondly, Czechoslovakia has been regarded as a bridge between the eastern and western nations of Europe, particularly in relation to the Marshall Plan.

Thirdly, Russian-Czechoslovak relations have been regarded as, in theory at least, a test of the thesis of Russian foreign policy

that all Russia wants is to have friendly relations on its borders for reasons of security. It is pointed out here that in both its political and economic international relations, Czechoslovakia has been extremely friendly towards Russia and, for example, at all international conferences, has consistently supported whatever point of view was put forward by the Russian Government.—Reuter.

# Africans

## Charged In Liverpool

Liverpool, Feb. 21.

Holding blankets round tropical cotton clothes to ward off the Arctic cold which they unexpectedly encountered, three Africans appeared in court here today accused of stowing away from Sierra Leone on the steamer "Tempele."

The prosecutor said that the ship was searched for stowaways before she sailed and some were found and put ashore. The three were later found in a chain locker containing hundreds of fathoms of chain. Had this been used, the revolving drum might easily have killed them.

The three men said that they were seamen and had left Free-town because there was no work for them.

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## Taft On Palestine

Washington, Feb. 21. Senator Robert Taft called tonight for a United Nations enforcement of the partition of Palestine.

Senator Taft, Republican presidential aspirant, said that no nation would defy the United Nations if that body showed that it intended to enforce its decisions.—Reuter.

## Heavy Shipment Of Food

Liverpool, Feb. 21. The 11,000 ton vessel "Haparang" will complete her maiden round-voyage at Liverpool on Monday by bringing some one of the largest consignments of food ever to leave New Zealand.

The "Haparang," which will run regularly between Liverpool and New Zealand, is chartered by a New Zealand shipping company.

Her present cargo includes nearly 5,000 tons of butter, 2,300 tons of cheese, 900 tons of frozen meat and 97 tons of milk.—Reuter.

# American Women Killed

San Francisco, Feb. 21. The Chinese Communists today charged that government troops, not Communists, killed two American women missionaries and a Finnish doctor in Central China on January 7.

The three victims were Martha J. Anderson, of Minneapolis, Esther Victoria Nordlund, of Chicago, and Dr. Alexis Berg, of Helsinki, Finland.

At the time they were dragged from a bus 150 miles north of Hankow and shot down, fellow passengers said the "bandits" who killed them looked like Communist soldiers.

The Communist Radio broadcast today said that Communist military headquarters had made investigations and found that the killings were by troops of Ma Hsien-chi, chief of a Government county defence headquarters.

The broadcast, heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press, said that "to eradicate this evil" Communist troops on January 30 surrounded and "wiped out" Ma and his troops.—Associated Press.

# PROFITS NEVER ERASE U.S. FEARS

London, Feb. 21.

The excitement about commodity price falls is partly artificial but psychologically deeper. Ever since 1929, the United States has been fearing another 1929 and profiting by its failure to arrive, but profit never erased fear, states a report in the "Economist" on the United States.

The falls have not yet spelt a depression and living costs are still high. Farmers are reported to be unhappy and labour watchful. The Federal Reserve Board is likely to relax its policy of tightening money.

The price fall has demonstrated that supplies in the United States are not so scarce as prices and isolationist Congressmen indicated. Those who argued that the Marshall Plan would exaggerate American scarcities and raise U. S. prices must find another argument. Canada and Latin America may suffer, since they have counted on supplementing scarce United States supplies. Their new uncertainty is likely to last long and may make some nations less reluctant for international cooperation.

Prices are unlikely to regain their 1947 peaks in the near future, hence overseas countries will find it easier to buy from the United States than may find it harder to sell, especially if U. S. tariff sentiment revives.

## "Superstition"

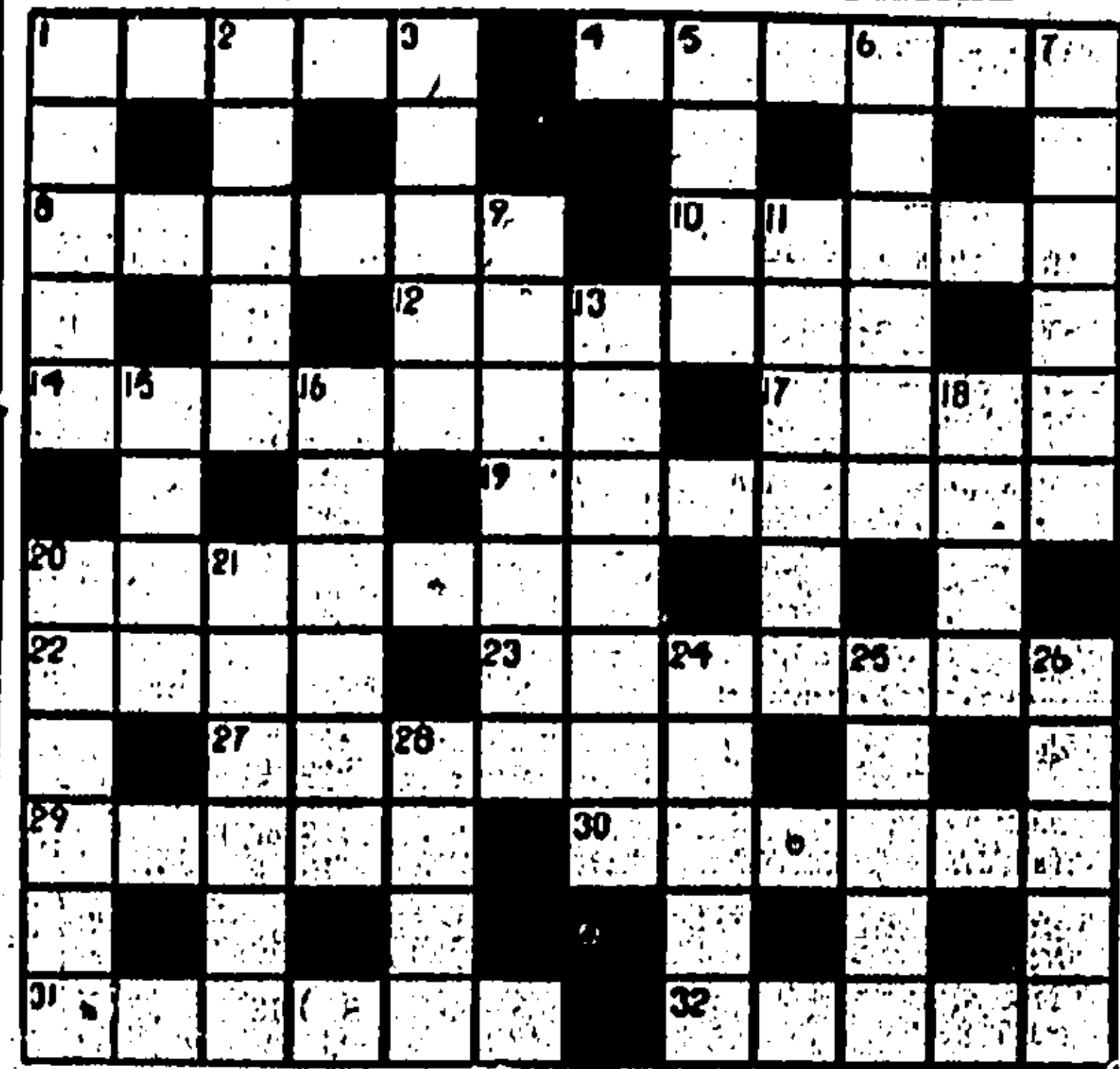
Meanwhile, gloominess is superstition rather than depression. So far it shows few signs of becoming national and never an international fact.

Elsewhere, the "Economist" says: "The United States Government commitment to support farm prices has assisted Chicago but some officials are of the opinion that \$3 wheat will not recur and industrial interests in Congress are reminding the farm bloc that the present support levels could be very dangerous. "Election year will continue to favour indecision but further restrictive monetary moves may be abandoned."

"The Senate vote to earmark \$3,000,000,000 of this year's budgetary surplus for foreign relief will prevent money being used for deflationary redemption of U. S. Government debt but the Treasury itself would have been very cautious in restricting credit further."

"It still seems probable that more basic indication of recession will appear later."—Reuter.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



## Clues Across

- Bundle.
- Tracked down.
- Rumour.
- Angry.
- Amph.
- Heaven.
- Wagon.
- Particular.
- Bliss.
- Major.
- Spoken.
- Transported.
- Pounding implement.
- Pick.
- Smell.
- International agreement.
- Confusion.

## Clues Down

- Vision.
- Follow-on.
- Monk.
- Pour.
- Pure.
- Reveries.
- Monk.
- Monk.
- Precious.
- None.
- Listen to.
- Vent.
- Bird.
- Encourage.
- Robbery.
- Domination.
- Drive.
- Monk.
- Despatched.

## Saturday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Gilt, 2. Ring, 3. Ring, 4. Ring, 5. Ring, 6. Ring, 7. Ring, 8. Ring, 9. Ring, 10. Ring, 11. Ring, 12. Ring, 13. Ring, 14. Ring, 15. Ring, 16. Ring, 17. Ring, 18. Ring, 19. Ring, 20. Ring, 21. Ring, 22. Ring, 23. Ring, 24. Ring, 25. Ring, 26. Ring, 27. Ring, 28. Ring, 29. Ring, 30. Ring, 31. Ring, 32. Ring.

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Under the Bretton Woods agreement, IMF members undertake to prevent fluctuations exceeding one per cent in their spot currencies but for forward rates, the IMF merely specifies that variations from spot rates shall not be unreasonable and no occasion for defining the word unreasonable has yet arisen.

Bankers are of the opinion that IMF action is unlikely because the turnover in spot sterling has dwindled while the turnover in forward sterling has dwindled even more — to estimatedly only about £10,000 daily.—Reuter.

Detroit, Feb. 22. Ford Motor Company announced its engineers have developed an automobile radiator fan that operates only when needed. Operation and speed of the fan are controlled by a thermostat in the radiator nose.—Associated Press.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 27th February, 1948, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 22nd March, 1948, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents

Hongkong, 22nd Feb. 1948.

Washington, Feb. 21. The United States Agriculture Department survey of the world rice situation released today estimated the 1947-48 August to July world rice crop at 96 per cent of the pre-war average but said that despite the rise in production supplies for export were only about 3,000,000 of milled rice compared with the pre-war average of 8,800,000 tons.

Exports last year were estimated at 2,500,000 tons. The world rice harvest for 1947-48 was estimated at 7,100,000,000 bushels of rough rice compared to 6,950,000,000 in 1946-47 and the 1935-40 average of 7,400,000,000 bushels.

Production is recovering to some extent in the war-affected countries of Asia and most of the increase in 1947-48 is in that area.

In Europe, a record acreage was planted and production slightly exceeds the pre-war average. The crop in North America and Africa rose above the high levels of last year.

Decreased production is possible in South America, where planting is about completed. Brazil's acreage is five per cent less and production may be six per cent below last season's crop.

The Agriculture Department estimated the Asiatic 1947-48 production of rice at 6,600,000,000 bushels compared to 6,500,000,000 the year before and 7,100,000,000 bushels pre-war. Some increase occurred in Burma, China, Formosa, Korea, the Philippines, Siam and the Malay Union.

The crop was slightly smaller in Japan and present prospects indicate India's production will be below that of last year.

## U.S. Production

United States rice production in the past six years averaged 37 per cent above the 1936-39 pre-war average with a record of 73,800,000 bushels in 1946-47. This was only one per cent

## Notice To Consignees

Consignees per DODWELL-CASTLE LINE S.S. "ROSALIE MOLLER"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on 23rd February, 1948.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 24th February, 1948, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 20th February, 1948, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents

Hongkong, 17th Feb. 1948.

## Notice To Consignees

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Consignees per Company's S/S "ANDRE LEBON"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 25th February 1948.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 27th February 1948 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 8th March 1948 or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hongkong, 20th February 1948

## N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Feb. 22. The stock market enjoyed Saturday from the dulcet week since last May with selected issues recovering moderately while many leaders stumbled. Turnover in the Saturday session of 230,000 shares equaled that of May 24 last which was a low since May 15, 1944.

A little short covering by professionals for protection over the coming long week and added individual favorites in the final short session. Most customers seemed inclined to hold aloof because of doubts regarding the economic outlook at home and abroad. Leaders included Atlantic Corporation, Plymouth Oil, Atlantic Gulf and West India Refining, Dow Jones Averages—Stocks 60.46, 20 Industrials 157.60, 15 Rails 45.62, 10 Utilities 81.75.

Closing stock quotations—Adams Express 15, Alaska Juneau 4, American Can 79 1/2, American Smelting 49 1/2, American Telephone 149 1/2, American Tobacco 62 1/2, Anaconda Copper 21, Aviation Corp. 4 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 12 1/2, Bendis Aviation 20 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2, Chrysler 44 1/2, Colgate 40, Commercial Solvent 20 1/2, Corn Products 61 1/2, Dupont 167 1/2, Eastman Kodak 88 1/2, Electric Light & Power 14 1/2, General Electric 32 1/2, General Motors 52 1/2, Goodrich 51 1/2, Goodyear 41 1/2, Homestake Mining 41 1/2, International Harvester 86, International Paper 44 1/2, International Tel & Tel 11 1/2, Johns Manville 30, Kennecott Copper 48 1/2, Montgomery Ward 49 1/2, National Distillers 19, National Lead 31 1/2, New York Central 12 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 8 1/2, Philadelphia 17 1/2, Radio Corp. 3, Republic Steel 24 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/2, Schenley 25 1/2, Sears Roebuck 82 1/2, Shell Oil 20 1/2, Socum Vacuum 15 1/2, Southern Pacific 47, Standard Brands 24 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 67 1/2, Standard Oil of Ind. 71 1/2, Standard Oil of N.Y. 44 1/2, Union Carbide 97 1/2, U.S. Rubber 40 1/2, U.S. Steel 69 1/2, U.S. Lines 19, Westinghouse 26, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 67 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12.—Associated Press.

## U.S. Buying Rice Again

Washington, Feb. 21. The U.S. Government is buying rice again after 10 days of watching an uncertain market.

F. De Entemille, of the Production and Marketing Administration Grain Board said orders were sent out for "a normal week's purchase" about 60,000 bags.

He said the rice must be sold to the U.S. Government immediately. He said the supply is needed for China relief.—Associated Press

of world production but exports of 28,200,000 bushels were significant in view of the world deficit.

"In view of the world situation it is fairly certain requirements against the United States 1948 supplies will exceed our present production capacity," said the survey.

Brazil, Ecuador and British-Guiana are the chief South American rice producers. Brazilian prospective exports in 1948 are estimated at 230,000 short tons against the five-year pre-war average of 42,000. Ecuador's prospective exports for 1948 are estimated at 45,000 short tons against a 13,000 pre-war annual average.—United Press.

## Palestine Outside Sterling Area

London, Feb. 21. Britain cut Palestine off from the Pound Sterling on Saturday night in a move preparatory to quitting her mandate on May 15. A Treasury announcement said Palestine would be excluded from the Sterling financial area, effective on Sunday, and Palestine's Sterling balances would be blocked temporarily.

Trans-Jordan has informed the British Government, however, that "it intends to make arrangements enabling it to return to the Sterling area," the announcement said.

The Treasury said the step was taken because "thorough and comprehensive exchange control" will be lacking when Britain gives up her mandate, and it was desired to prevent leakages during the period of British troop withdrawal.—Associated Press.

## R.M.S. "CANTON"

will sail from Hongkong (Kowloon Wharf No. 1) for the United Kingdom at 1 p.m. on Monday the 23rd instant.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & COMPANY, Agents, P. & O. S.N. Co., P. & O. Building, Hong Kong.

## Notice to Consignees

WATERMAN STEAMSHIP CORPORATION

S.S. "FONCE DE LEON"

Having arrived Hongkong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the 25th & 26th Feb. at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within four days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

WATSON & CO. Agents

Hongkong, 24th Feb. 1948

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S.S. "General Meigs" (via Manila) April 3  
S.S. "General Gordon" (via Manila & Honolulu) April 24

## TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

S.S. "President Taft" (via Shanghai) Feb. 23  
S.S. "President Pierce" (via Kobe & Yokohama) Mar. 9  
S.S. "President McKinley" (via Kobe & Yokohama) Mar. 23  
S.S. "President Jefferson" (via Kobe & Yokohama) Apr. 4

## TO NEW YORK AND HAVANA VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, COCHIN, BOMBAY, SUEZ AND MEDITERRANEAN PORTS

S.S. "Mount Rogers" Feb. 23  
S.S. "Furman Victory" Mar. 6  
S.S. "Marine Leopard" Mar. 8  
S.S. "President Buchanan" Mar. 19

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**SAILING FOR HAIPHONG**  
 55 "VILLE DE STRASBOURG" ..... Beg. of April  
**LOADING FOR SAIGON**  
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 "YCHOW" ..... Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Cheribon, Batavia, Banka 10 a.m. 26th Feb.  
 "SHENGKING" ..... Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai 4 p.m. 27th Feb.  
 "SZECHUEN" ..... Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai 5 p.m. 28th Feb.  
 "FOYANG" ..... Hongkong, Swatow, Saigon, Bangkok 3 p.m. 29th Feb.  
 "SOOCHOW" ..... Kobe 4 p.m. 6th Mar.  
 \* Sails from Custodian Wharf

### ARRIVALS FROM

"YCHOW" ..... Shanghai, Keelung 23rd Feb.  
 "HUFEI" ..... Tientsin, Shanghai & Foochow 24th Feb.  
 "SZECHUEN" ..... Bangkok, Saigon, Swatow 24th Feb.  
 "SHENGKING" ..... Shanghai 9 a.m. 24th Feb.  
 "PAKHOF" ..... Bangkok 25th Feb.  
 "SOOCHOW" ..... U.K. Port Said, Aden, Colombo, Singapore 25th Feb.

### CANTON RIVER LINE

"FATSHAN" ..... Sails 6.30 p.m. 22nd Feb.  
 "WUSUEH" ..... Arrives 8.30 a.m. 25th Feb.  
 Arrives 8.00 a.m. 23rd Feb.  
 Sails 8.00 a.m. 25th Feb.

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

### U.K. SERVICE

#### Arrivals from

"MEMNON" ..... U.K. via Straits 24th Feb.  
 "ELPENOR" ..... U.K. via Straits 29th Feb.  
 "TITAN" ..... U.K. via Straits and Manila 2nd March

#### Sailings to

"ELPENOR" ..... Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow via Port Said 2nd week March  
 "TITAN" ..... Liverpool via Port Said 3rd week March

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M.S. "TREIN MAERSK" ..... In port  
 M.S. "LEISE MAERSK" ..... Feb. 22  
 M.S. "GRETE MAERSK" ..... Mar. 25  
 M.S. "SALLY MAERSK" ..... Mar. 30  
 M.S. "LAURA MAERSK" ..... Apr. 20

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### AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

#### Arrivals From:

Pools via Bangkok  
 Feb. 25, BOAC (Capt. MacGregor), 2 p.m.

Manila  
 Feb. 24, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Feb. 26, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon.

Shanghai  
 Daily, CNAC, 0.45 a.m.

Feb. 25, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Feb. 27, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Feb. 20, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok  
 Feb. 23, BOAC (Capt. Kyle), 4 p.m.

Feb. 25, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Canton  
 H.K. Airways, thrice daily: 11 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.

San Francisco  
 (Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila)  
 Feb. 25, Pan-American, 12.40 p.m.

Feb. 26, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

San Francisco  
 (Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)  
 Feb. 28, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Singapore  
 Feb. 23, BOAC (Capt. Kyle), 4 p.m.

Departures To:  
 Pools via Bangkok  
 Feb. 25, BOAC (Capt. Horn), 8 a.m.

Singapore via Bangkok  
 Feb. 23, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

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Manila  
 Feb. 23, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Feb. 24, Philippine Airlines, 1 p.m.

Shanghai  
 Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.

Feb. 24, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

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Canton  
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 Feb. 27, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Mar. 5, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes before the ordinary mail. If Mail close before 10.00 a.m. Registered and Parcel mail close at 6.00 p.m. on previous day.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking; Airmail for Canton, Luchow and Kuning; (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Hubei; Airmail for Swatow and Foochow, (Reg.) 5 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 2 a.m.

Manila, Tientsin and Shekai, 8 a.m.

Shanghai, 10 a.m.

Swatow and Foochow, 11 a.m.

Manila, Tientsin and Shekai, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Manila, Colombo, Bombay and Karachi, 3 p.m.

Manila, 2 p.m.

Manila, Tientsin and Shekai, 4 p.m.

Kongmoo, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 2 a.m.

Manila, Tientsin and Shekai, 8 a.m.

Shanghai, 10 a.m.

Swatow and Foochow, 11 a.m.

Manila, Tientsin and Shekai, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Manila, Colombo, Bombay and Karachi, 3 p.m.

Manila, 2 p.m.

Manila, Tientsin and Shekai, 4 p.m.

Kongmoo, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

Chinese Art Exhibition

Shanghai, Feb. 22.

A preview exhibition of the Chinese historical objects which are scheduled to be shipped soon to the United States for exhibition is being urged by Mr. Shih Chang-peng, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the Municipal Art Museum here.

It was decided to hold the exhibition in America after the Congress request to the Chinese Government for a display of Chinese historical objects in America.

Chinese historical objects are being collected from various parts of China and are being sent to America for exhibition.

The exhibition will be held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, from May 1 to May 15.

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### ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Leise Maersk (Jessen) from New York

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Chak Sang (Jessen) to Tientsin

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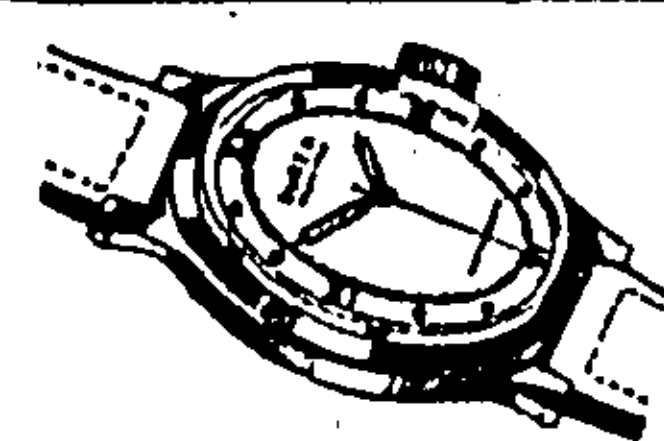
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## MANILA LOSE AGAIN Combined Chinese Dominate Game

Combined Chinese 4 Manila 1

Displaying superior team work, Combined Chinese had no difficulty in defeating Manila by four goals to one on the Club Ground yesterday.

Manila played much brighter football than they did the previous day, although the defence was not quite so sound.

The game was played on a clean, green pitch. E. Lamas played a brilliant game in the middle of the second half, scoring in his retirement. He had no chance with any of the shots which beat him, every one being a real gem.

At the two backs, Ugarte was the more reliable and used better judgment in his disposal of the ball. Aguirre seemed to be in two minds at times and was on the whole, much to slow for the speedy Chinese forwards.

The Manila intermediate line gave an improved display and showed more precision in their passing.

In the forward line, Perterre tried every trick he knew to get the men through the wall presented by the Chinese defence, but his headwork was not up to the mark.

Of the two wingers, speedy young Beech was outstanding. Beech, who poses a powerful back, worked hard to pull the game out of the fire, but his efforts alone were not sufficient to produce goals. Dangerous in possession, he was the most penetrating of the Manila forwards.

Manila made the fatal mistake of keeping the ball in the centre, when a more judicious use of the wings might well have evened the fortunes of the game.

For Combined Chinese, Yu Tui-tak gave an exceptionally good display in goal and brought off a number of spectacular saves. His only mistake was when he conceded a goal by rushing out of his charge to intercept Beech.

### The Edge

The Chinese forwards had the edge on their opponents. Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung were a safe pair of backs, while in the intermediate line, Soong Ling-sing, Cheung Kam-ho, and Hsu Keng-sing had the measure of the Manila forwards. Cheung Kam-ho was not so exuberant as he was in the Interprovincial game, but played a quiet, methodical game, rarely making a mistake.

The Chinese forward line was much too fast and elusive for the Manila defence. Unlucky Kwock Yung-kee proved a real handful for the opposition. It was a fine sporting gesture on the part of Kwock when, after the Chinese had been awarded a penalty, he "gave away" a goal by lightly tapping the ball to Lamas instead of making an attempt to score.

Starting off with only ten men, the Chinese were the first to attack. Wong King-chung was sent away with the ball, but was intercepted by Ugarte. Play was transferred to the other end and Manzano missed a good opportunity when he was beaten to the ball by Tse Kam-hung.

A free kick was awarded to the Chinese just outside the Manila penalty area, but Kwock Yung-kee shot wide.

### Glorious Drive

Kwock opened the scoring for the Chinese ten minutes after the start, when he netted with a glorious cross drive from about 25 yards out, the ball entering the lower left hand corner of the net.

Manila attacked in determined fashion and the Chinese were forced to concede a fruitless corner.

End to end play followed with both sides excelling in midfield but failing badly when it came to shooting. The Chinese goal had a narrow escape when Beech, after gaining possession, lobbed the ball across the goalmouth. Fortunately for the Chinese, the inside forwards of their opponents were not up and Tse Kam-hung was able to rush in and clear.

The Chinese increased their lead when Kwock Yung-kee passed to Chen Tak-fai, who cleverly eluded two of the Manila defenders and ran through to score with a fast ground shot. The Chinese continued to monopolize the play but from a breakthrough Manila almost scored. They had the goal at their mercy but their inside forwards were over-eager.

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## Eight Matches Postponed

London, Feb. 21.

Soccer clubs all over the country today sought to make early contact with referees for a decision on the fitness of the grounds following the heavy fall of snow during the night and this morning. Altogether eight League matches in England and one in Scotland had to be postponed.

Of the eight clubs which have reached the sixth round of the Cup, to be played next week, only Blackpool were beaten today. Preston, Manchester United and Derby all won their matches while Tottenham, Southampton, Fulham and Queens Park Rangers all drew.

Some 28,000 spectators braved the snow and freezing conditions to see the Cup rehearsal between Tottenham and Southampton, which ended in a goalless draw. Next week, the teams meet in the Cup, but this time on Southampton's ground. Arsenal's match was postponed today, but with their nearest rivals, Burnley, only drawing at home to Sheffield United, the London club have now a lead in the First Division table of seven points, each club having played 29 matches.

—Reuter.

could make no impression on the solid Chinese defence, which played out time.

Combined Chinese: Yu Tui-tak, Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung, Cheung Kam-ho, Soong Ling-sing, Hsu Keng-sing, Tang Kwock-sung, Tse Kam-ho, Chen Tak-fai, Kwock Yung-kee, Wong King-chung.

Manila: E. Lamas, E. Ugarte, A. Aguirre, E. Perterre, J. C. Lamas, J. Esteva, E. Beech.

## K.C.C. Too Strong For The R.A.F.

The Royal Air Force was trounced to the tune of an innings and 35 runs when they met the Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Path yesterday.

Batting first, E.C. Fincher and N. Hart-Baker chalked up 94 before the former was caught by Holmes, an hour a quarter after the game commenced. Hart-Baker followed Fincher four minutes later, with only an additional run added.

Just before the luncheon interval the Home score was 115 for the loss of only three wickets. Immediately after lunch, Gambrell showed a marked improvement in his bowling and K.C.C. wickets began to fall with such a rapidity that Bobby Leigh (last man in), was dismissed within 52 minutes, with the score at 190.

Going in to bat at 3.15 p.m., R.A.F. were all dismissed by 4.17 p.m. after they had only scored 46 runs. Pantan (who, with Bacon, opened the batting) was dismissed for a duck after the game was only four minutes old. Seven minutes later, Baxter was clean bowled by F. Zimmermann, and carried his bat with the score board registering only six runs.

The R.A.F. second innings lasted exactly an hour and added 100 runs to their first total. Galt, who was out for a duck in his first time at the bat, returned himself and knocked out 53 before he was stumped by Hawthorn.

Full scores were as follows:

K.C.C.  
Fincher, c. Holmes, b. White- side 43  
Hart-Baker, c. Gambrell, b. F. Zimmermann, c. White- side 48  
Gambrell 32  
Hawthorn, c. Bacon, b. Gambrell 13  
White, b. Ralldge 20  
Hancock, b. Bacon 20  
Taylor, b. wicket, b. Gambrell 0  
A. Zimmermann, b. Gambrell 4  
Lawrence, b. Gambrell 0  
Leigh, run out 0  
Leo, not out 14  
Extras 14  
Total 190

Gambrell 19 2 80  
Ralldge 14 2 48  
Holmes 3 0 11  
Bacon 4 2 22  
White-side 5 0 35

### R.A.F. 1ST INNINGS

S/L Pantan, b. Zimmermann 0  
Sgt. Baxter, c. Lee, b. Taylor 4  
Sgt. Hart-Baker, b. F. Zimmermann 4  
S/L Galt, c. Hawthorn, b. F. Zimmermann 0  
F/Sgt. Hawthorn, b. Hart-Baker 10  
F/O Steele, b. Taylor 10  
F/O Gambrell, c. Lee, b. Taylor 4  
F/Lt. Vickers, c. Hancock, b. White 9  
A/C Ralldge, at Leigh, b. F. Zimmermann 9  
A/C White-side, run out 3  
F/Lt. Holmes, not out 0  
Extras 3

### R.A.F. 2ND INNINGS

F/O Steele, c. F. Zimmermann, b. Taylor 0  
Taylor 0  
F/Sgt. Hawthorn, b. Taylor 0  
Sgt. Baxter, b. Taylor 0  
Sgt. Hart-Baker, run out 0  
F/O Gambrell, b. Fincher 25  
S/L Galt, c. Hawthorn, b. F. Zimmermann 53  
F/Lt. Vickers, run out 6  
A/C Ralldge, c. Lawrence, b. Leigh 0  
A/C White-side, b. Leigh 0  
F/Lt. Holmes, b. Leigh 0  
Cpl. Hodgson, not out 3  
Extras 7  
Total 109

Taylor 14 0 3  
Hart-Baker 2 0 4  
Hancock 3 0 25  
Fincher 3 0 25  
Leigh 3 0 17  
Extras 14  
Total 109

## Home Soccer League Tables

FIRST DIVISION										
P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
Arsenal	29	18	0	2	52	17	45			
Burnley	29	14	10	5	49	25	34			
Derby	29	14	8	7	40	37	36			
Preston	29	10	8	11	47	44	36			
Manchester U.	29	11	12	6	49	37	34			
Wolves	29	11	7	11	49	48	33			
Blackpool	29	10	7	12	40	38	38			
Middlesbrough	29	14	6	10	49	45	31			
Aston Villa	28	12	7	9	44	37	31			
Sheffield U.	30	12	6	12	50	52	30			
Manchester C.	29	11	8	10	39	31	30			
Portsmouth	28	12	4	12	47	35	24			
Charlton	29	12	4	14	42	35	37			
Everton	27	11	8	11	35	39	27			
Huddersfield	29	8	15	10	39	43	24			
Rotherham	30	9	7	14	42	55	25			
Westham	29	11	8	10	49	45	31			
Cardiff	29	11	6	12	45	39	24			
Sheffield Wed.	29	10	6	13	47	40	27			
Tottenham	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Southampton	29	10	6	13	44	40	24			
Westham	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Wolves	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Derby	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Blackburn	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Grimsby	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			

SECOND DIVISION										
P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
Birmingham	29	18	7	4	45	19	32			
Newcastle	29	16	4	9	50	37	32			
Cardiff	29	14	6	9	50	37	32			
Sheffield Wed.	29	10	6	13	47	40	27			
Tottenham	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Southampton	29	10	6	13	44	40	24			
Westham	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Wolves	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Derby	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Blackburn	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
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THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)										
P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
Lincoln	29	17	4	8	53	30	20			
Rotherham	29	16	8	5	40	30	19			
Carlisle	30	16	7	7	47	37	27			
Wrexham	30	16	6	8	49	40	25			
Gateshead	30	13	9	8	41	35	24			
Hull	28	13	8	9	39	28	24			
Warrington	28	12	12	6	38	28	20			
Tranmere	30	10	8	12	45	46	22			
Rochdale	28	12	7	9	37	28	21			
Accrington	28	14	8	11	45	41	21			
York	29	10	11	8	44	41	20			
Crewe	28	12	5	11	38	29	20			
Bradford City	29	10	8	11	40	48	24			
Oldham	29	7	11	11	30	25	25			
Hartlepool	29	8	12	14	44	23	23			
Southport	28	8	10	10	40	40	21			
Chester	28	8	10	10	40	40	21			
Stockport	27	10	12	8	41	42	20			
New Brighton	28	6	14	9	30	20	19			
Hatfield	29	9	17	14	40	17	17			

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)										
P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
Queen's P. R.	27	17	4	6	45	25	40			
Queens Park	27	16	8	5	45	25	40			
Walsley	28	14	7	5	31	21	31			
Park Vale	29	14	7	8	46	39	34			
Swansea	30	13	8	9	48	42	31			
Ipwich	28	10	12	7	48	50	24			
Southend	29	12	8	9	49	46	32			
Bristol City	28	14	2	12	50	42	31			
Newport	29	10	9	10	44	50	28			
Torquay U.	29	11	7	11	46	36	27			
Exeter	27	10	8	11	46	36	27			
Swindon	27	10	8	11	46	36	27			
Reading	28	10	6	12	39	27	26			
Crystal Palace	28	9	9	12	35	25	27			
Northampton	28	9	6	13	44	41	24			
Bristol R.	29	8	13	10	45	42	23			
Nottingham	29	6	11	12	39	40	27			
Aldershot	27	6	11	10	31	28	29			
Watford	28	7	14	12	34	24	21			
Leyton Orient	29	7	14	12	34	24	21			
Sheff. H.	27	6	15	12	37	27	17			
Norwich	27	6	10	12	32	26	19			

SCOTTISH LEAGUE										
P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
East Fife	19	14	4	1	56	21	32			

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## NEEDLE GAME THRILL Wildcats Snatch Win Over Wahoos

(By Grandstand)

The Wildcats nosed out the Wahoos 5-4 mainly through a bit of brilliant hitting by Peggy Barros who clouted out a grand slam homer in the sixth to make up a three run deficit and put her team ahead with the winning tally when she dented the rubber.

Lefty Dolly Brown for the Untamed Felines had the opposition hand-cuffed with 14 strikeouts. Terry Noronha for the Green Owls held the Wildcats with four scattered hits for five frames, but in the sixth fell into a lapse and allowed five bunched up hits which cost the game. Terry wiffed two and walked only one, but that one walk choked the